

# The Courier



Serving the Communities of  
Uffington, Baulking, and Woolstone



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## The Council

Uffington Parish Council now has 7 councillors. They each serve a maximum of a four-year term. The composition of the Parish Council is:

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The Chair, Clerk and RFO (Finance matters) may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or email addresses. Other Councillors may be contacted on the email addresses above.

The Council normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 6.30pm. Please check the agenda on 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 Council before submission. 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 Heather Abel for the photo of Autumn produce for the Community Garden entry into the PTA Pumpkin Trail competition.

## **New Council Clerk**

The Council is pleased to announce that we have appointed a new clerk, Ms Sandy Adams, who lives in Uffington. Julia Evans will continue as Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) until April 2024 when Sandy will take over the RFO duties for the new financial year in addition to her clerical role. Both will continue to use the [clerk@uffington.net](mailto:clerk@uffington.net) email address.

## **The Courier Magazine**

**Articles and Photos.** We are always on the lookout for interesting articles and photos for the magazine. As a reminder, we try and make the magazine a 'potted history' of village life and events and so all sorts of contributions will be considered, provided we have room! We are also keen to use local photographs where possible so seasonal images and pictures of recent events are favourite.

**Advertising.** The [policy](#) on Advertising is available on the website. The cost of advertising in four issues of the Courier (one year) AND inclusion on the website on the 'Essential Contacts' page or 'Local Businesses' as appropriate is very modest and as follows:

- ¼ page or less: £20.00
- ½ page: £40.00
- Full page: £75.00
- Advertisements on the website only: £10.00 (Links to external commercial sites are acceptable, at the discretion of the Council)

Please note that in the event of non-payment, advertisements will appear in only one further issue before being discontinued pending payment.

Anybody wishing to advertise should contact the [Clerk](#). Copies of the Courier are distributed to a number of local shops, pubs and other outlets outside of the UBW villages making it more attractive to advertisers. We would be pleased to learn of any errors, omissions, or any additional categories of advertisement you would like to see included in future editions.

**Distribution:** If you don't want a paper copy delivered, **please email [mike.oldnall@uffington.net](mailto:mike.oldnall@uffington.net) with your house address** so we can remove you from the next distribution.

## **Planning Applications in Uffington since the last Courier**

The following applications are **awaiting determination**:

- P23/V2060/HH - 7 Broad Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RA. Conversion of garage to utility room, replacement of garage door with window and associated internal works.
- P23/V1863/LB and 1862/HH - The Vale Cottage High Street Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RP. Repairs and improvements to interior and exterior of listed cottage including works to repair internal partition wall, installation of air source heat pump, replace uninsulated concrete and timber floor with breathable flooring and underfloor heating system, repair internal wall coverings, repair boundary wall, repair and replace porch roof covering, replace front door
- P23/V1842/S73 - Dragon Hill Woolstone Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RE
- Variation of condition 1 (approved Plans) on application P22/V2978/S73 for a change to interior layout of Plot 2 to incorporate the garage as interior floor space. (Variation of condition 2 (approved Plans) of application P22/V1141/FUL and removal of condition 7. (Proposed erection of 2 no 4 bed detached (self-build) dwellings)).
- P23/V1740/LB and 1739/HH - Lilac Cottage Woolstone Road Uffington FARINGDON SN7 7RF. Two storey rear extension to create larger kitchen to ground floor, and master bedroom with balcony to first floor.
- 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**:

- P23/V1765/LB - Lilac Cottage Woolstone Road Uffington Faringdon SN7 7RF. Replace decorative ridge of roof thatch with flush cut design, crafted with wheat straw to match existing thatch.
- 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).

The following applications have been **refused**: - none

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

The following applications have been **appealed**:

- Under Appeals References: APP/V3120/C/23/3314399 and APP/V3120/C/23/3314401:
  - P22/V1042/FUL - Land North of Baulking Lane Baulking Lane Baulking SN7 8NR. Permission is sought 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 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**

**Poplars.** In the last edition of the Courier, we announced that the centre poplar only, would be removed and that the work was carried out in early May. The general opinion following the felling, is that the area around the pond has been much improved by letting in more light and the Council is now planning how best to improve the area further and a suggestion has been received that we should remove as many of the bramble roots etc as possible and level the site further and turn it into a glade with a bench and woodland wildflowers. Any further ideas from villagers would be welcome.

Following the felling of the poplar and as might be expected, a larger than usual number of shoots had been appearing for some 10-15m around the stump. Professional advice is that we should keep cutting off shoots as they emerge and cut the stump down to ground level (to get closer to the roots) and to insert lots of 'eco-plugs' (which do not allow the chemicals to enter the surrounding ground) to gradually kill the stump off.

**Field Tidy** - the next Jubilee Field tidy will take place on 28-29 October (29th reserve day). Please come along and help prepare the Field for winter.

## **Speedwatch**

**Simon Jenkins**

The Speedwatch group consists of eight volunteers and there are now nine sites in and around the village from which the group can operate. Since January, **41 drivers have been reported to Thames Valley Police** for driving at speeds in excess of the speed limit – now legally 20 mph - within the village. Despite the publicity for the introduction of the 20 mph limit, new signs, the Speedwatch warning notices and the presence of a group of people on the side of the road in high vis jackets with something resembling a hair drier, there are still drivers travelling at speeds in excess of 40 mph.

So, more volunteers would allow more sessions, a greater deterrence factor and greater protection of other road users, including pedestrians; if you would like to help, please contact [simon.jenkins@uffington.net](mailto:simon.jenkins@uffington.net)

## **Parish Council Grants**

The Council budgets for a limited amount of money each year to provide grants for village organisations. Subject to funds being available and suitably justified, the Council is committed to providing assistance and support to local groups which are set up to promote and improve community life for local residents. The Council will look more favourably on organisations/causes located in Uffington whose activities are provided for the general benefit of residents in Uffington, rather than elsewhere (for which a more limited sum is reserved for making donations).

Applications should be submitted by 30 October each year to be considered for payment by 30 March the following year or inclusion in the following year's budget. Full details are contained in the Grants and Donations Policy which is available on the [website](#) along with the application form. The Clerk or any member of the Council is available to assist with completing the form if help is required.

## Village Maintenance

**Hedges and Ditches.** The Council has continued to minimise its ecological impact by leaving the hedges and verges uncut for as long as possible – except for junction splays where it would be dangerous to leave the verge uncut. Hopefully the second and last verge and hedge cutting will follow shortly this autumn. If you need assistance with your hedges, verges or ditches, or would like to join the maintenance group, please get in touch with the Parish Council [Clerk](#) and see the longer Village Maintenance article elsewhere in this magazine.

**Field Tidy and Litter Pick.** The regular roadside litter pick and Jubilee Field tidy will take place on the following dates – **please get them in your diary!** Full details will be published nearer the date.

- Jubilee Field Tidy 28-29 October (29th reserve day)
- Roadside Litter Pick 4-5 November

## Allotments

**Nigel Puddicombe**

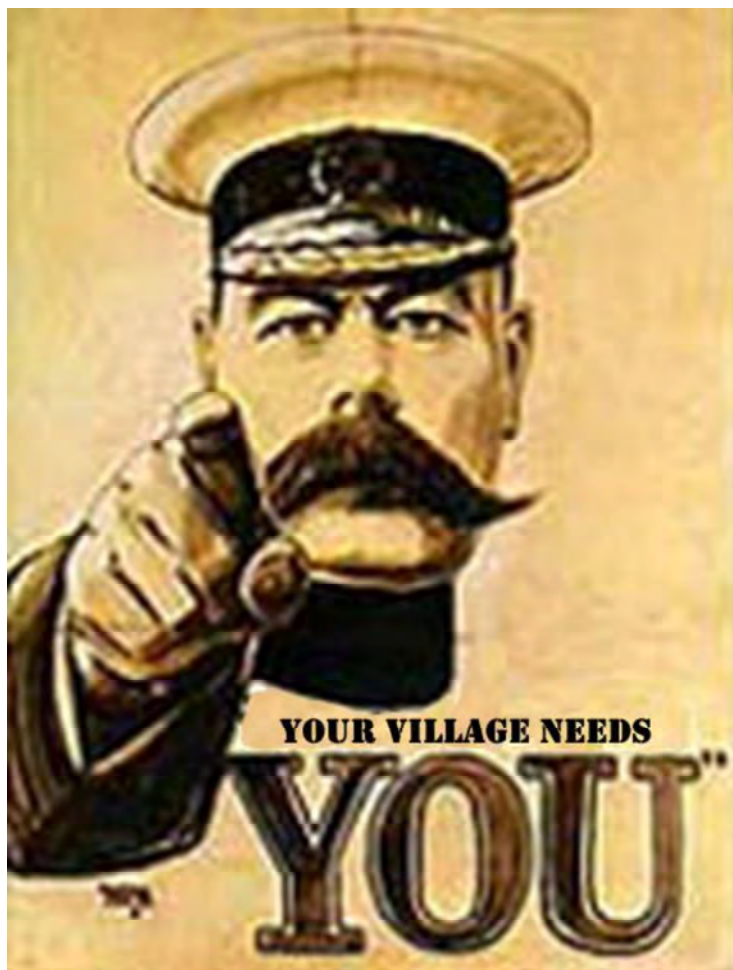
The Uffington allotments continue to be busy and the large majority of plots are now let. However a small number of plots (or half plots) remain available for rent by residents of Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. These plots each measure roughly 100 square yards and are plots that mainly have not been worked before but offer great potential as a reward for initial hard work. If you are a keen gardener or wish merely to enjoy the benefits of healthy exercise and growing your own fruit and vegetables, please contact either Barry Godsell ([bandhg@hotmail.com](mailto:bandhg@hotmail.com)) or Nigel Puddicombe ([nigel.puddicombe@uffington.net](mailto:nigel.puddicombe@uffington.net)), who will be happy to show you round and give you more details.

The annual rental is £25 per full plot. At the September meeting the Council voted not to increase allotment rents for 2023/24. Invoices for 2023/24 will be sent out at the end of September and it would be appreciated if payment could be made promptly.

Please see the Village Maintenance article in the magazine concerning future village grounds maintenance support arrangements which includes the allotments.



## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE



From time to time, all organisations reach a point in which one generation needs to hand on to the next. That situation now applies to the routine maintenance of land owned by Uffington Parish Council ('the Council'), including the verges and ditches around the Jubilee Field and at the allotments. Failure to maintain these areas reflects badly on the village and the image it presents to residents and visitors as well as increasing the risks to villagers, especially children.

The Council coordinates a group of volunteers (sometimes known as the 'Barmy Army'), a small number of whom can be relied on to turn out to assist with one-off problems. The bigger issues are the trimming of the verges around the Jubilee Field (2 or 3 times between spring and autumn, in between the cuts by the Council's contractor) and the annual clearance of the ditches around the Jubilee Field, to mitigate risks of flooding elsewhere in the village. At the allotments, during the growing season, the grass strips between plots need regular mowing, and the water butts owned by tenants need to be topped up regularly, especially during the drier periods.

These tasks have been undertaken on a voluntary basis in recent years mainly by Barry Godsell and Simon Jenkins. Whilst neither are quite in their dotage yet, both feel that with the impact of advancing years their physical ability to continue can no longer be guaranteed, meaning that proper provision should be made for the future.



The work they do has been costed recently and it has been calculated that the saving to the Council of these maintenance tasks at the allotments and around the village being carried out by them as volunteers amounts to around £2,500 a year.

The Council is therefore seeking new volunteers who are willing to commit to regular and reliable contributions of their time to take over, gradually, these tasks. Anybody interested is encouraged to speak to any of Barry Godsell, Nigel Puddicombe or Simon Jenkins; if you are unable to contact them directly, please send a note to the Parish Clerk, at email: [clerk@uffington.net](mailto:clerk@uffington.net) Note that responses are required by 1 November.

Should there not be a meaningful response to this article, the Council will be investigating employing external individuals or contractors. To pay for this, the Council's budget will have to rise accordingly which would mean an increase in the overall Council Tax paid by all residents of Uffington.

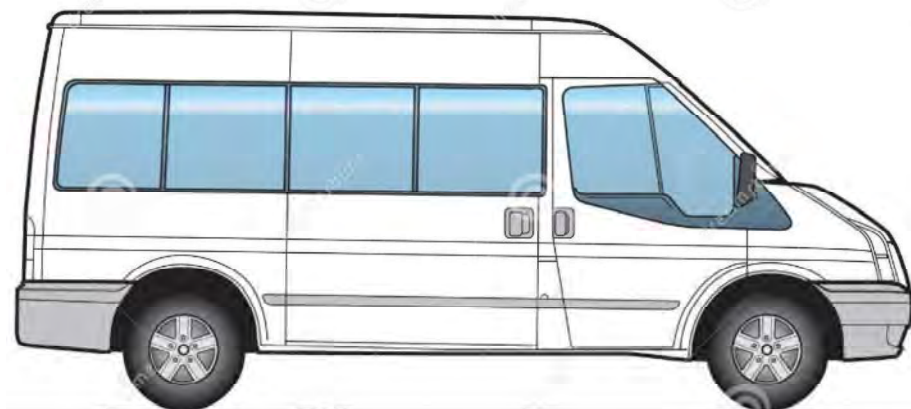
**UBW MINIBUS ASSOCIATION**

**John Hatcher**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting will be in the small hall of the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall Uffington at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th October 2023.**

The committee is very much hoping that villagers who share an interest in the community minibus will come to the meeting to hear where the association stands at present and, more importantly, to help shape its future.





Fundraising for the repair of the Clock is going well: £15,000 has been received towards our target of £24,000. This is a great achievement from our local community and has been achieved through direct fundraising and the generosity of our donors. It represents many more people donating than just those who make up our weekly congregation. A great effort, warranting a very big thank you.

The work includes the repair of damage suffered due to wear and tear/breakdown; and then the automation of the rewinding mechanism (£7,580) that we have been so fortunate to have done manually by parishioners over the years - most recently by Graham Banks.

There is no doubt that support for maintaining the clock reaches right across our community. Next steps are to appeal to trusts - both local and regional - for further funds to complete the exercise. Our immediate focus is on Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust for reason shown below.

Local efforts continue and none more so than a super effort on 'Ride & Stride' day by Juliet Moss and Jeremy Goulston in sweltering conditions, doing sponsored cycle rides on behalf of OHCT.

Juliet visited two churches early in the morning before changing and singing in a choir at a wedding in Pusey. Then after a quick sandwich she took to her bike again at 1.45 and cycled round a further 15 churches between Shrivenham and Pusey: a total of 17 churches and 40 miles. Jeremy, our vicar, cycled round four churches with his two girls in the trolley behind; another impressive effort in heat of 32 degrees. Jeremy was also impressed by those from other churches in the Benefice; including John McCullough, the Campbells and Cuan Ryan, who were also helping to raise money for their churches that day.





Juliet Moss preparing to ride

**.....and from Keith Culley:**

As you may be aware, my son has been raising money for the church clock which he started last year by donating 25p from each bag sold. He has started doing this again this year and I'm sure the sales will pick up once the weather turns.

This year he has decided to just concentrate on the church, doubling the donation to 50p per bag.

**New Church Warden Needed!**

Owing to illness, we have a vacancy for a Churchwarden at St Mary's. In this voluntary role, you would help the Vicar and PCC to build a compassionate, relevant, and welcoming Church for our community. You would need to be sympathetic to the Anglican Church and have time to give to the role.

For more information and an informal conversation, please call Jeremy on 01367 821143.





Vicar & family setting out for the Ride & Stride

## **BENEFICE DRAW RESULTS**

Rev Jeremy and Julia Lycett Green made the Draw after the Harvest Service at Shellingford on 1<sup>st</sup> October

Results as follow (some Divine Intervention!)

£200 - Ball 39 - Rev J Goulston

£100 - Ball 57 - John & Susie McCullough

£100 - Ball 189 - David Forster

£50 - Ball 92 - Sue Saunders

£50 - Ball 171 - Fay Forster

£50 - Ball 83 - JA & J Reid

£50 - Ball 87 - James Lonsdale

£50 - Ball 67 - Ed & Jenny Preece

Last year the White Horse Show was an act of faith after Covid, but against the odds and the “doomsters”, it was a real success. So, would the Show this year be a success, with a new team picking up the reins?

The first thing we got right was the weather! Slightly damp in places but generally dry and no muddy car parks. The next thing we got right was catering. The paying public came in droves; but our caterers had learnt from last year and made sure there were enough food trailers to feed everyone, without enormous queues.



It is impossible to give a full account of all the many activities and displays at the Show but here are just a handful of pictures to remind those of you who came along what a great two days it turned out to be and to show the “stay-at-homes” some of the things they missed out on.







Traction engines – little and large!



A range of attractions and activities

My grateful thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who organised and helped run the Show. We were thin on the ground in places and a very special thanks to those who plugged gaps and went the extra mile. The new team can certainly give themselves a pat on the back for organising a great Show and demonstrating that Covid may have created some ongoing problems for our country but it certainly has not killed off the White Horse Show.





August saw the second social meeting of White Horse WI since its official formation on 26<sup>th</sup> July. As we are so new, we used this meeting as an opportunity to get to know each other by preparing a bring-and-share supper. We also played a game of "Find a Pair" where we were each given a card and had to find our corresponding partner, for example 'salt' and 'pepper'. This caused lots of giggles as we worked out who we were meant to match with. It was so lovely to meet and talk with both new and old friends, some of whom had visited from other local WIs to welcome us.



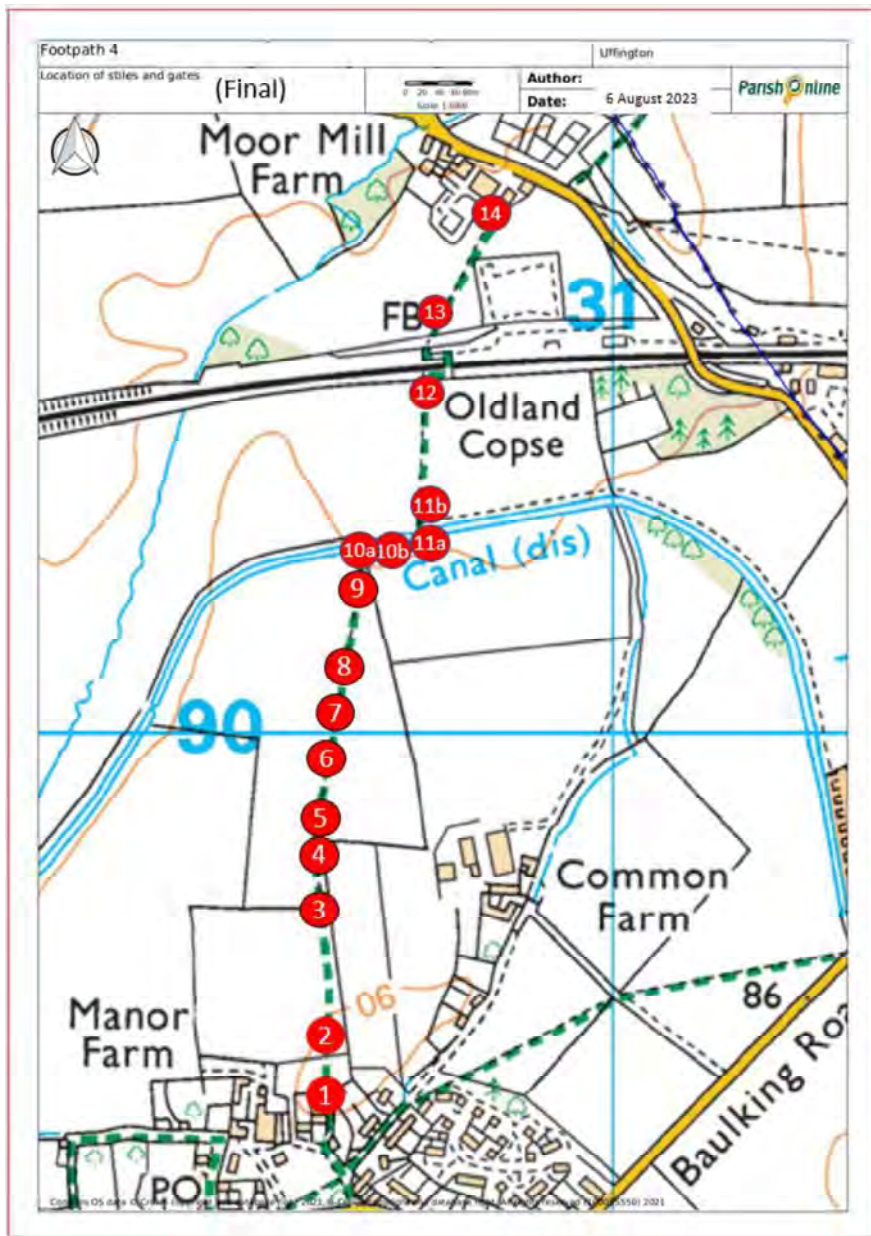
We have lots of other exciting meetings planned, including a talk from Jane Dickinson on Women of Oxford, a visit to Tom Brown's School Museum, a Christmas wreath making demonstration and a Christmas party.



White Horse WI welcomes new members. Currently we have 27, with Zoe Fredericks elected as President, Sally Charles as Treasurer and Helen Rains as Secretary. These are well supported by committee members Eliza Lewis, Sandra Langford and Caroline Courtney, We meet at 7.30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall.

Footpath 4 (FP 4) is used by many people for walking in a northerly direction from the village towards Moor Mill Farm, and on to Fernham, Baulking or Shellingford, or returning in an extended loop to the village via Uffington Gorse (Uffington Fox Covert) and the kissing gates on FP 12. FP 4 is accessed from a passage behind the 'Cottage on the Green' after which it crosses a small paddock initially, followed by a number of larger fields in agricultural usage, a wooden footbridge over the disused Wilts and Berks Canal, and an elevated footbridge over the railway before reaching Moor Mill Farm.

Fifteen new galvanized gates (a mixture of kissing and self-closing gates) were installed by the Council in July 2023 to replace stiles on FP 4. This was the fourth in a series of projects by the Council to improve access to the footpaths in and around Uffington for walkers of all ages. This article provides a project record and some pictures of 'before and after'. The map below shows the footpath with the locations of the 15 new gates:





The project was funded by a number of donors, to all of whom Uffington Parish Council is very grateful; they are (with the amounts):

Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funds from Grundon Waste Management Ltd, from their own funds and through the Landfill Communities Fund	£3,486.00
White Horse Show Trust	£1,577.50
Oxfordshire County Council – Countryside Access Team	£721.70
Uffington Parish Council	£1,577.50
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£7,362.70</b>

The Council is also extremely grateful to the following:

1. All the landowners upon whose land the new gates have been installed, and who supported the project from the start. They are: The Executors of the late Mrs E Rosser, Mr and Mrs T Matthews, Network Rail and Mr and Mrs Stephen Green.
2. Noll Countryside Services Ltd (of Lambourn) who have done a very professional job for us in the installation of all fifteen gates – see picture below!



The old stiles having been replaced by kissing gates, or, in some cases, simple self-closing gates, and the ground around the new gates improved, more people can use FP 4, and everyone will have a safer experience. The footpath is now easy to access and walkable by people of all ages. Starting close to the centre of the village, near the village shop, this is excellent for community involvement and therefore beneficial for the health and well-being of our residents.





**Stile 1:            Old.....and.....New**

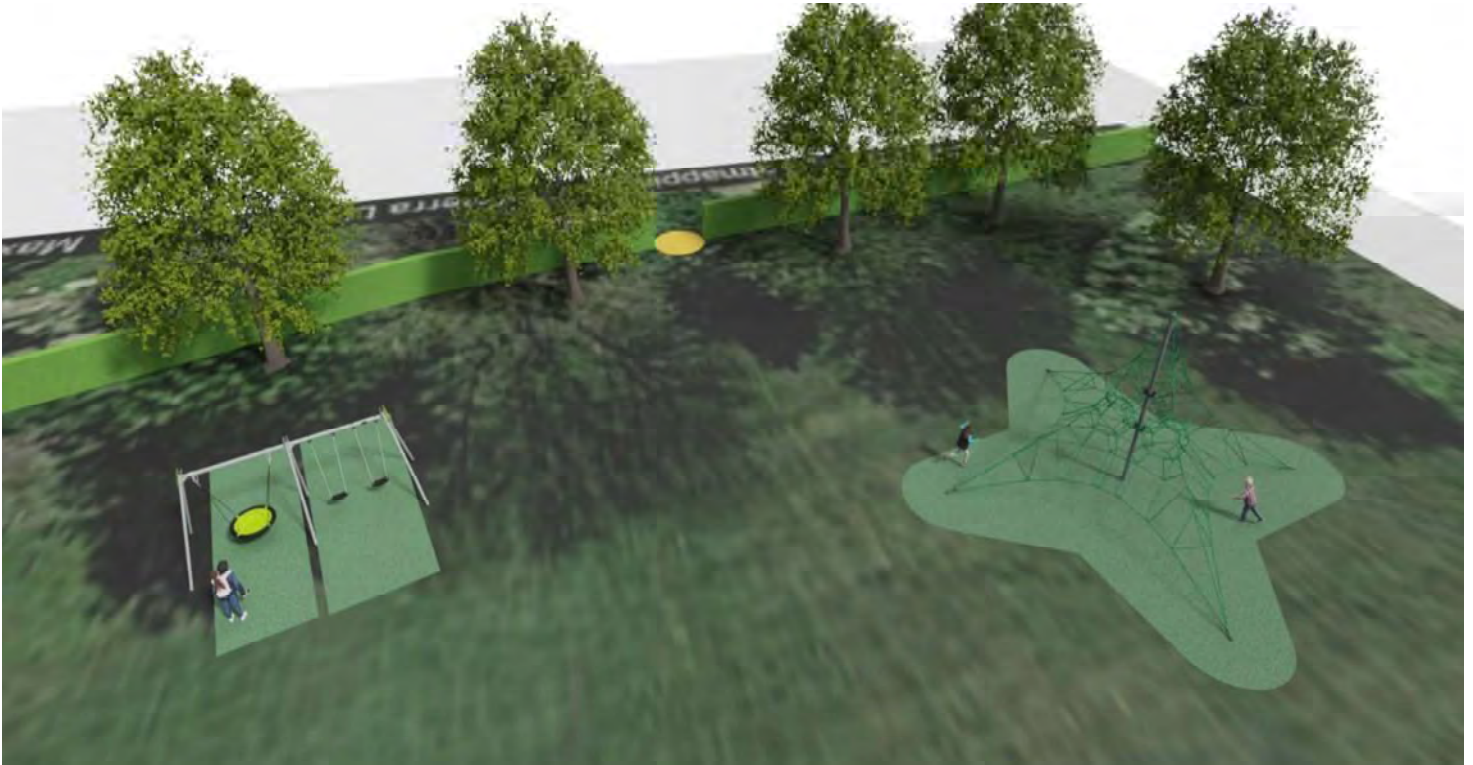
The old, very awkward, stile leading to the bridge over the railway:



**Stile 12:            Old.....and.....New**



## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR JUBILEE FIELD Kat Foxhall



After the arrival of our new football goal this summer – already being well used – the Parish Council are pleased to share plans for two large pieces of play equipment for the Jubilee Field.

The existing 40-year-old swings at the south end of the field will be replaced by a new triple swing set, made up of two standard swings and a basket swing suitable also for children with disabilities. We are also planning to install a new spacenet climbing feature which we hope older children will enjoy.

The new equipment will be funded mostly from the remaining developer contributions from Jacksmeadow.

A particular thank you to the children and parents who have taken the time to contact the Parish Council and our local MP, about the play equipment they would like to have in the village.

## **A TROUBLED PARISH: Uffington 1670 to 1690**

**Alvin Blackie**

A number of significant events occurred in England during the middle of the seventeenth century, not least the English Civil War (1642-1651), the restoration of the monarchy (1660) and the plague (1665).

The turmoil created by these events persisted into the latter part of the century and affected every walk of life in every corner of the realm. There is no reason to assume that the parish of Uffington and its people were not affected and to this extent might be considered typical of a rural community in this region. Some insight into this community may be gleaned from St Mary's Church 'Presentments'.

The 'Presentments' were replies to a questionnaire circulated by the bishop and included crimes such as<sup>(1)</sup>: '.. adultery, whoredom, incest, swearing, ribaldry and drunkenness, schism, defending papist or any other erroneous doctrine, causing a disturbance in church, failing to take Easter communion (being over the age of sixteen) not attending Church on Sundays or Holy Days and not having a child baptised'. Churchwardens were in many respects the 'enforcers' of the church.

Presentments submitted on 15th April 1672, by Richard Rushley and John Reynolds, churchwardens of Uffington, included the following<sup>(1)</sup>, '...we hereby inform that the ffanatickes heartofore excommunicated & imprisoned for their manifest obstinacy, contumely & non-conformity to the Civil & Ecclesiastical lawes are lately released out of Reading Gaol'.

Unfortunately, the identities of the 'ffanatickes' have been lost as a consequence of a fire in the records office during the 19th century. However, the majority of non-conformists were thought to be Quakers, reportedly being the strongest group within the parish at this time.

A married couple, Richard Thatcher (b.1645) and his wife Jane (née Stevens, married March 1667), were cited in a damning 1671 Presentment for failing to baptise their daughter. In 1682 they left England and emigrated to North America, thus following the example set in the 1630s when large numbers of persecuted non-conformist English men and women sought religious freedom in the New World.

A little over 350 years later, Jean and her husband Earl Yager, currently living in southern California, visited England for the first time; Jean is a descendant of Richard and Jane Thatcher. By prior arrangement with Uffington Museum's curator they were able to visit the museum to explore its archive, especially that relating to the Thatcher family dating from the 1600s to the present day.





Earl and Jean Yager outside the Museum in June

(1) The Annual & Triennial Visitation – Presentments for Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone, Part1: 1636-1700; transcribed by Ivy M Curzon (1970). *Copies held by TBSM, shelf mark, B/245*

The author is a volunteer at Uffington Museum.

## **UFFINGTON CRICKET CLUB - 2023 Season**

**Joe Parman**

After the surprise successes in both League and Cup competitions last season, this season's campaign turned out to be far more challenging. A run to the semi-final of the cup was welcome relief from spending the season in the lower reaches of the league.

It all came down to the 18<sup>th</sup> and final game of the season with three teams including ourselves vying to avoid the last relegation spot. Despite winning the final two league matches - the last a nail-biting one-wicket victory - it wasn't enough to save us as we finished just one point behind 8<sup>th</sup> place and three points behind 7th.



The rather unpredictable weather throughout the season was no help, and at times it felt as if we didn't have bad luck we'd have no luck at all. But ultimately we were a number of times authors of our own downfall by too often not scoring enough runs to put the opposition under enough pressure.

Even with the disappointment of relegation we still had some standout individual performers. Hassan Safdar was the division's leading run scorer (331 runs), with Dan Painter 6<sup>th</sup> overall in that list (293 runs). Hassan (18 wickets), Mat Hazell (16 wickets) and Pete Jones (14 wickets) also made it into the top 20 wicket-takers for the season. Dan and Pete also made the top 10 individual scores list, both with high scores of 87, and Arik Pujari-Powell made it into the top 15 individual bowling performances with 5-26 in his debut match for the club.

We fared better in the Wednesday night T20 league, losing only two of our eight games to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place - the highlight being chasing down 171 in just over 17 overs against Chilton Foliat.

Despite the disappointment of relegation, it was still a really enjoyable season involving lots of laughter - we never gave up or lost heart and can't wait for next season to come around. Hopefully with some better weather! If anyone is interested in getting involved in any capacity, please contact Joe Parman ([joeparman@outlook.com](mailto:joeparman@outlook.com)). We are a small club and getting 11 players out every week isn't always easy. We only used 20 players all season (every other team in the division used no fewer than 28) so there is a game for everyone who wants one!



## TENNIS

Rob Hart

The tournament is always a lovely occasion and this year didn't disappoint. We had 14 players of all abilities and managed to run 2 courts of qualifying rounds from about lunchtime to mid-afternoon, during which most people played with most people and against most people on their court, with the highest scoring mixed pair from each court meeting for a final. I was delighted to present the coveted trophy to Ruth and Luke Thomas, with Neil Reynolds and Giles Dawson close runners-up. There was tea, sandwiches and cakes for all afterwards and lots of lively and fun discussion on the play! I do hope more can join in next year. It really is open to all ability levels and everyone is incredibly welcome.



Our winter league matches will start soon (first match 8 Oct) and I'd like to invite all club players to consider playing. It's a very friendly mixed league (2 mixed doubles pairs for each match), played mostly at weekends against clubs across Wiltshire, and again all reasonable players would be most welcome to join in. We're in the bottom division of the league so there is no pressure to be of a high standard, so if you enjoy a competitive game, do volunteer. The match schedule is 8/14/ 22 Oct, 5/7/19/22 Nov, 3 Dec, 14/20/28 Jan and 4/11/25 Feb. If you'd like to be in the team, please contact me (email – [robhart100@yahoo.com](mailto:robhart100@yahoo.com)) and advise which dates you can play, your email and phone number, and I will be in touch direct with a team list and schedule before the end of the month.





The White Horse Gardening Club in Uffington is held on the 1st Thursday of every month excluding January and August. Meetings are held at Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall in Uffington SN7 7RA from 7:30pm to approx. 9pm with plenty of parking available. The hall opens at 7pm and there is always a raffle. Annual subscription is £15 and members receive a 10% discount off plants at Bampton Garden Centre. Non-members are very welcome at a charge of £5 although membership is more cost effective! During the summer months the talks give way to garden visits for an additional cost and usually include a stop for refreshments.

In September we had a fascinating and humorous talk from Matt Biggs on Kew Gardens and the time he spent working there. September was also our AGM where we presented a gift and passed on our huge thanks to Pamela Preene for her 10 years as Chair of the Gardening Club. Hilary Deakin was voted in as the new Chair and we welcome Ruth de Wilton to the committee as the new Visits Secretary.

The calendar for the coming few months:

October 5th – A Spoonful of Herbs. Talk by Lynda Warren on sowing, growing, harvesting and preserving

November 2nd – Gardening with Ornamental Grasses – Talk by Katherine Crouch, garden designer and Chelsea gold medal winner

November 30th – Great Dixter. Talk by Fergus Garrett known as the Lionel Messi of horticulture! Includes the Christmas meeting with drinks and nibbles

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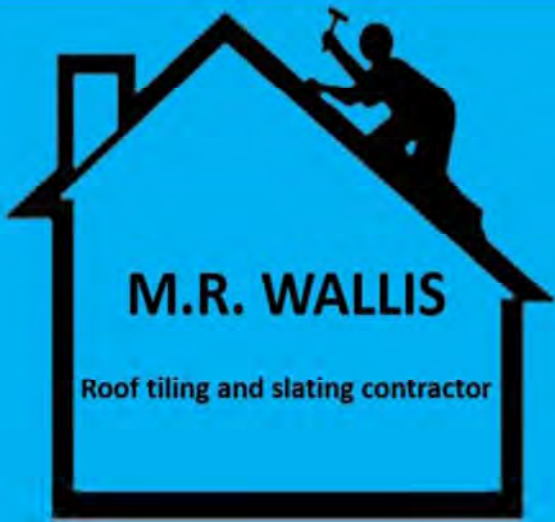
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Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	9-10 am	Circuits	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Mondays	6.45-8pm	Fitness	Adult	Village Hall	Michelle Southey 07826 524463
Tuesday	10-11am	Tai Chi	Adult	Village Hall	If interested, attend to make enquiries
Tuesday	11.30- 12.30pm	Pilates	Adult	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:Fiona-wright@outlook.com">Fiona-wright@outlook.com</a>
Tuesday	6-7.15pm	Beavers	6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing	12+	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
Tuesday	8-9pm	Clubercise	Adult	Village Hall	Emily Barclay 07923 290110
Wednesday	6pm	League Cricket 20 overs	14+	Sports Club Fawler Road	Joe Parman <a href="mailto:joeparman@outlook.com">joeparman@outlook.com</a>
Wednesday	6- 7pm	Yogalates	Adult	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Wednesday	7-8.45pm	Guides	Girls aged 10-14	Village Hall	<a href="mailto:Uffingtonguides@gmail.com">Uffingtonguides@gmail.com</a>
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	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	Village Hall Parents must stay	Jessica Mildenhall <a href="mailto:jessi-ca_mildenhall@hotmail.com">jessi- ca_mildenhall@hotmail.com</a>
Friday	1 pm	Yogalates	Adults	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
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 <a href="mailto:joeparman@outlook.com">joeparman@outlook.com</a>
Saturdays	2-4pm	Community Garden	Adult + accompa- nied children	Community Garden behind pub	Heather Abel 01367 820709 <a href="mailto:heather.abel@hotmail.com">heather.abel@hotmail.com</a>

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