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The Council

Uffington Parish Council can have up to seven councillors. They each serve a maximum of a four-year term before needing to be re-elected to serve for longer. The composition of the Parish Council from 12 May 2025 is:

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If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or helping the Council without being a councillor, please contact the Clerk or Chair to discuss how you would like to help us.

The Council 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 6:45pm). 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.

Councillor Changes

Councillor Robert Purdie was selected as Chair of the Council at the Annual Meeting on 12 May 2025. Mike Oldnall was selected as the Vice-Chair.

The Council welcomes Ross Kuklinski and Suzie Metcalfe-Hatton who were co-opted as councillors on 8 May 2025.

Councillor Nigel Puddicombe resigned from the Council on 8th April 2025. The Council would like to thank him very much for his time on the Council and wish him all the best for the future.

Village Maintenance

Maintenance Volunteers. If you would like to join the village maintenance group, please get in touch with the Parish Council Clerk (clerk@uffington.net) so we can get your name on the list (which is necessary for insurance purposes).

Hedges and Verges. The Council has been pleased to see the number of residents who have kept their hedges bordering the pavement cut back but please remember that no further cutting should take place during the nesting season. Some ditches still need to be cleared of silt and reeds etc as the new growth starts.

Courier Magazine 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 is as follows:

- ¼ page or less: £20.00
- ½ page: £40.00
- Full page: £80.00

Please note:

1. The above costs are exclusive of VAT, which will be itemised on invoices.
2. in the event of non-payment, advertisements will appear in only one further issue before being discontinued pending payment.

Anybody wishing to advertise in the Courier should contact the Clerk by email at courier-ads@uffington.net. Copies of the Courier are distributed to a number of local shops, pubs and other outlets outside just 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.

Planning Applications in Uffington since the last Courier

The following applications have been granted.

- P25/V0037/LB – Manor Cottage, Uffington, SN7 7RE. Installation of log burner to include new chimney pot to existing chimney.
- P25/0153/HH – Vale Cottage, High Street, Uffington, SN7 7RP. Installation of freestanding electric vehicle charger to driveway of listed cottage.
- P25/V0684/N4B – School House Farm, Broadway Road, Uffington, SN7. Conversion of existing agricultural barn into a single dwelling under Class Q Permitted Development. Conversion includes insulating building, creation of internal non load bearing partitions to separate spaces, insertion of windows into existing opening and creation of new openings. New open post and rail fencing to small garden space at rear.

The following applications were awaiting a decision at the time of publication.

- P25/V0982/DIS - Moor Mill Farm, Uffington, SN7. Discharge of condition 5 (Surface Water Drainage Details) on application ref. P22/V0486/FUL (Proposed change of use of an agricultural barn to a dwelling with associated external alterations, including construction of timber pergola. Installation of ground source heat pump, a mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR) unit, and roof-mounted solar panels. Formation of car parking area and landscaped residential garden, with associated boundary treatment).
- P25/V0908/LB - Little Thatch, Broad Street Uffington. Extend chimney height to a minimum of 180cm as recommended by HETAS. This is the chimney which serves the wood burner and open fireplace.
- P25/V0736/LB - P25/V0735/FUL. Moor Mill Farm, Uffington, Faringdon SN7 7QD. Demolition of existing concrete blockwork detached single storey stable block. Change of use and self-build conversion of existing single storey stable block into domestic dwelling, including new build rear extension

The following applications have been refused.

- P25/V0188/PIP – Woolstone Road, Uffington, SN7 7RQ. Phased development of 2 Custom and Self Build dwellings.

The following applications have been withdrawn.

- P25/V0123/N4B – School House Farm, Uffington, SN7 7QH. Conversion of existing agricultural barn to convert into a small dwelling under Class Q Permitted Development. Single storey extension. New open post and rail fencing to small garden space at rear.

The following decisions have been appealed.

- P24/V1460/PIP – Land to the East of Fernham Road, Uffington.

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.

New planning applications are included in the Weekly News email bulletin as they are received. If you are not signed up to this and would like to be included, please contact simon.jenkins@uffington.net. Your email address will not be used for any other purpose.

Uffington Parish Website

Current Website. The Uffington Parish website (www.uffington.net) has been in its current form for almost 10 years. The website includes general village information and the mandatory information which the Parish Council is required to publish. The website general information about Uffington and the surrounding area includes information such as:

- Links to other websites (OCC, VOWHDC, SSE, Thames Water etc).
- Information on the village (maps, walks, etc).
- Information on village organisations, clubs and societies.
- Basic information about the Village Hall, Church, Museum, White Horse Show, Community Garden (all of which have links to their own websites).
- Local business advertisers (free with paid-for Courier adverts).

The Council is legally required to meet an updated (November 2024) accessibility standard which cannot be met by the current website structure and host company. As a result of this requirement the Parish Council has decided to create a separate new website for only Parish Council information with a host that can meet the latest accessibility standard. At the same time the uffington.net address will be changed to uffingtonpc.oxon.gov.uk as recommended by the internal auditor.

Future Village Website. Based on access information (hits), the majority of the current website is rarely accessed. A show of hands at the recent Annual Assembly showed that few knew of the website and even fewer ever used it! As a result, the Parish Council is considering retiring the non-council parts of the website (although this would be available until the end of the current contract) and then shutting it down completely if usage continues to be minimal.

Public Comments. We would appreciate your views on these proposals as to whether we should continue with a village website and, if so, what information it should contain. Please email your views to website@uffington.net to assist us in making this decision.

Jubilee Field

After a winter with so much rain, the Jubilee Field was been often flooded in places, and extremely wet underfoot. Thankfully, with the very dry Spring months, it has now dried out, and the Council has been able to continue with some of the planned improvements.

Picnic Table. By popular request, another picnic table has been installed near the new play items. The table and benches are made from a recycled plastic material which should last considerably longer than the softwood table purchased previously. The table is also wheelchair accessible.



Pond/Poplar Area.

Pond/Poplar Area. We had hoped to sow grass and wildflower seeds on this southern side of the pond but the dry weather has meant that the seeds would not have germinated and so this work has been postponed until later in the year.

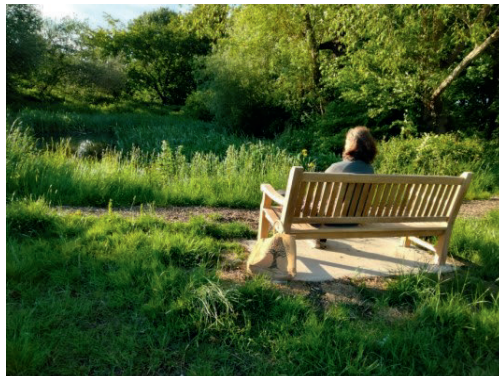
Willow Arbour.

Despite the dry weather, the small willow arbour is doing well encouraged with occasional bucketsful of water from the pond. As the willow continues to grow we continue to weave the new growth it between the original stalks to thicken up the cover.



Memorial Bench.

We have also kindly been donated a memorial bench the family of the late Maurice Leyland (1935-2023) which has now been installed overlooking the pond.



Leisure Activities.



A set of new goal posts has been installed on the Jubilee Field with further additional facilities not far away!

WHITE HORSE SHOW 2025

Shelley Arnett



If you're looking for a fabulous day out for the family, then look no further than the White Horse Show! On Sunday 24th and Monday 25th August, come along to Uffington for a fun-packed day with plenty of attractions to entertain the whole family.

Watch the daredevil stunt riders and their amazing horses, check out the Pedal v's Parkour team showing off their tricks, cheer on the wonderful Paws for Thought dog display team and enjoy many, many more incredible displays. You can try your hand at shooting, teach your pooch a new trick for the dog show and sing along to the live music.

With a wide variety of food on offer, a licensed bar and lots of trade stands, it's the perfect way to spend a summer day out.

Book your tickets online now at **whitehorseshow.co.uk** to receive a generous 20% discount - but don't wait, this offer won't last long! Gate prices on the day will be higher, so it's worth booking your tickets online before the show dates.

Remember that all the profits from the White Horse Show are put back into the community, so by coming along and enjoying a brilliant family day, you're also helping to support many worthwhile causes in the local area.

If you would like to book a trade stand for the event or enter a classic car or motorcycle into the historic vehicle show, you can do this at **whitehorseshow.co.uk** Or if you'd like to get involved and volunteer at the show, please contact us on info@whitehorseshow.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

UFFINGTON ALLOTMENTS

Barry Godsell

Following another wet winter and a historically warm and dry spring, we all have our fingers firmly crossed for a good yield this year. Already we have seen a couple of new tenants taking up plots for the season. There remain a couple of vacant plots and half-plots which have been worked before and should require relatively little work to get into production; so if you fancy a great way to get exercise while growing your own fruit and veg, get in touch with Barry Godsell (bandhg@hotmail.com) who will be pleased to help.

ARE YOU READY, TEDDIES?

Paul White

As the Courier goes to press, it's just a few more sleeps 'til PICNICFEST - your community summer picnic on Jubilee Field village green. And the teddies are so excited they're already pitching up! ...Are you ready, teddies?

Saturday 19th July is the date; a fun afternoon and evening in the summer sun for all of us in the UBW Parish to get together and make some memories with family and friends! Brought to you by local volunteers and supported by the Parish Council, PPL PRS The Music People, and RSPCA Oxfordshire, there will be live music, entertainments for all the family and a village barbecue to enjoy.

So get packing your picnics, roll out your picnic blankets, and settle down with the teddies on the green for some summer sparkle! [Programme and events may be subject to change]



EASY RIDING

Adam Ruck

One after another, the grim-faced cyclists stream past me as I pedal along at my leisurely pace, enjoying the air and birdsong. They remind me of pilgrims making their way up the aisle on all fours, thrashing themselves as they go. What exciting sins have these people been enjoying, that need such furious expiation? Where are the slow cyclists like me, who go out on a bike to enjoy our beautiful countryside because cycling is less effort than walking?

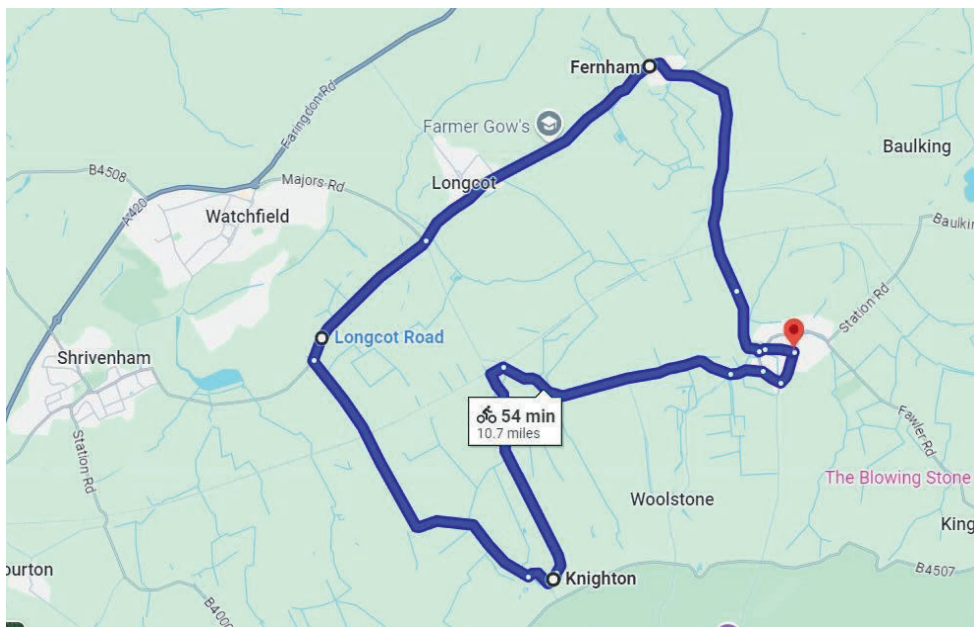
'You just don't meet them,' helpful family member points out, 'because they're going the same speed as you. There can't be many that go slower.' That's true. I can't remember when I last overtook another cyclist. This encouraging thought prompts me to suggest a few circuits that might appeal to easy riders who are new to cycling or our neighbourhood. Quiet country roads ideally suited to our purpose are not hard to find. Among them I don't count the Icknield Way (B4507), which must be one of the least bike-friendly roads in the kingdom, with its tortuous switchbacks, steep banks and motorists in a hurry. Cycling groups love it, inexplicably. These routes start and finish outside Uffington's peerless Village Stores and Post Office, its shelves piled high with fuel for the cyclist.

Circuit 1: Uffington, Knighton, Compton Beauchamp, Longcot, Fernham, Uffington. 11 miles – about an hour. 200 feet of ascent. The only uphill bit is the short climb to the hamlet of Knighton. If you do the circuit in the reverse direction, the climb from Compton Beauchamp is steeper.

To enjoy: after a nod to the noble facade of Compton Beauchamp House, dismount for the little church of St Swithun, with its delightful mural paintings and a touching memorial to Mary Cooper, 'a truly good and faithfull servant' who died in 1762 after 45 years in the service of Anne Richards, the last 20 as her housekeeper. Test the accuracy of your milometer by measuring it against the 18th century milestones – one on the verge at Compton Beauchamp, the next semi-hidden in the hedge a mile further on (towards Shrivenham), just before a footpath crossing.

Watch out for: suicidal white doves on the road in Fernham; cars on the wrong side of the often flooded corner on the run down to Uffington; ducks crossing (with or without apostrophe) below the village.

Pit-stops: King & Queen, Longcot, said to be on the up; Woodman, Fernham (not Monday); Fox & Hounds, Uffington (of course).



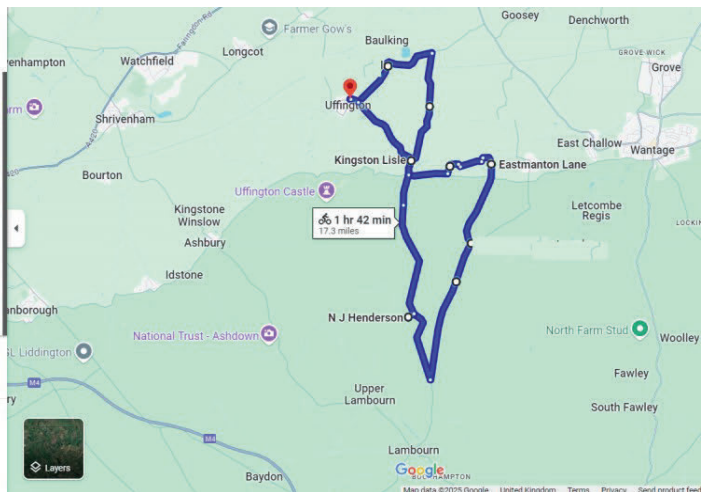
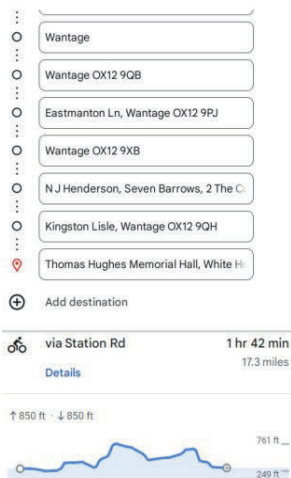
Circuit 2: Uffington, Little Coxwell, Great Coxwell, Coleshill, Fresden, Shrivensham, Uffington. 17 miles, 700 feet of ascent. About 90 mins.

I realise the ups and downs balance out, but this circuit seems much harder work if done clockwise, because of the climbs through Coleshill and up Badbury Hill.

To enjoy: Great Coxwell, the Great Barn.

Watch out for: the A420 crossing is an obvious hazard, followed by nettles, brambles and metal slalom posts on the cut-through path from the bus stop. Beyond the Great Barn the road surface is awful. The bridge over the Cole on B4000 north of Shrivensham is narrow and bumpy: caution required, tempting though it is to approach at top speed for momentum on the other side.

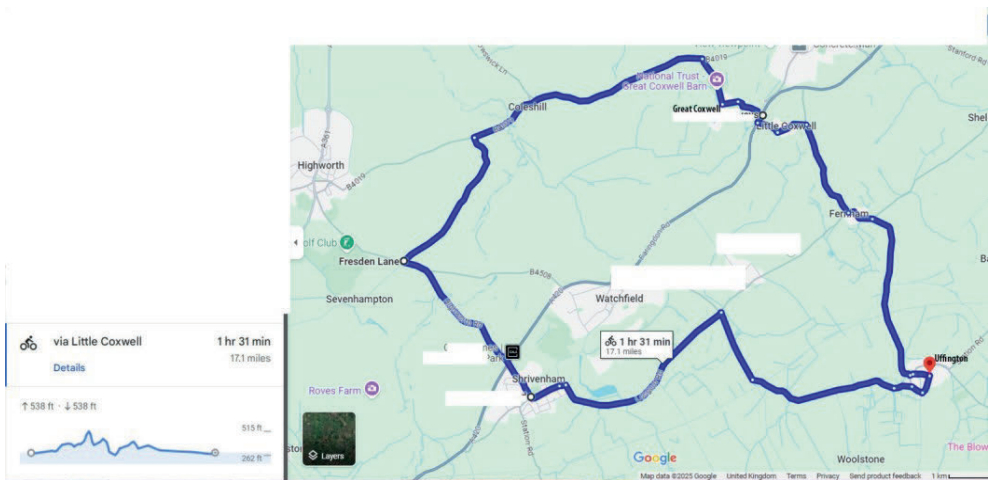
Pit-stops: Eagle, Little Coxwell – top choice for a proper Sunday lunch (needs booking); Radnor Arms, Coleshill – garden seating, decent pub grub available every day (although the website suggests otherwise); Prince of Wales, Shrivensham; Bloomfield's Deli & Café, Shrivensham; Fox & Hounds, Uffington (natch)



Circuit 3: Uffington, Baulking, Kingston Lisle, Westcot, Sparsholt, Sparsholt Firs, Seven Barrows, Kingston Lisle, Uffington. 17 miles, 850 feet of ascent. About 1 hr 40 mins.

Each half of this figure-of-eight configuration can be reversed, so multiple changes can be rung. Unlike the other circuits described, this one involves a climb to the Ridgeway. My preference is to go up to Kingston Lisle from Baulking, and up to the Ridgeway from Sparsholt, a beautiful little road (at least until it tilts skywards in earnest). The long freewheel through the gallops towards Lambourn is ample reward for the uphill slog. Unfortunately, a short section of the dreaded B4507, between the Kingston Lisle and Westcot turnings, is unavoidable unless you push your bike along the footpath that skirts the north side of the Lonsdale Estate.





Watch out: good brakes required at the bottom of Blowingstone Hill (crossroads) and on the descent from Kingston Lisle to Fowler (dangerous driveway exit).

Pit-stops: Blowing Stone, Kingston Lisle (lunch at weekends only); Fox & Hounds, Uffington (not Monday).

PINGPONGATHON FOR CHARITY

Paul White

A valiant Charity Marathon held in May by Uffington Table Tennis Club raised over £1500 for two local charities. A big Thank You to everyone who kindly donated!



PINGPONGATHON saw three squads of club players keep the ball bouncing for over 100 kilometres in 12 hours of continuous play - putting the fun into fundraising wearing a host of hilarious hats, and even a bunny enjoying play (see photo).

Pennyhooks Farm Shrivenham (Working for Autism), and RSPCA Oxfordshire (Every Paw Matters) have benefitted from your kind contributions. Big thanks also go to Uffington Sports Club for hosting the event.

THOMAS HUGHES MEMORIAL HALL

Management Committee

It's that time again: I need to write an article for the Courier. This time, I decided to experiment with AI – Artificial Intelligence. I typed six words into the computer - 'article to advertise the village hall' - and, less than 30 seconds later, a rather good article appeared on my screen. The temptation to change to word 'hall' to 'Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall' and press the 'send' button was immense. Job Done. All the right information was there.....'located in the heart of the picturesque village'...'perfect location for your birthday party'.

It was a good article, but it was generic and missing the detail that makes the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall special. Our Hall belongs to our villages and provides a service to the people of our villages. Just looking at the booking for one week shows the range of activities making use of the Hall and catering to all age ranges and interests: the Baby and Toddler Group on a Friday morning, Table Tennis on Tuesday, Cubs and Scouts on Thursday; a wide and varied range of exercise and meditation activities at other times. The Uffington Market on the first Sunday of each month seems to get bigger and better each time.

So yes, the Hall is located in the physical heart of the village, but it is also at the heart of the village and is there for the use of the village. Run entirely by volunteers, it can be hired at very reasonable rates through the website www.thmh.co.uk where details of the facilities available can also be found. We have two email addresses for enquiries: Bookings.thmh@uffington.net and for general correspondence information.thmh@uffington.net

SPORTY SUCCESS AT THE SCHOOL

Rachel Cook

The week beginning 19th May was our Sports Week. During the week we invited local sports clubs to come and share what they have to offer and it was a massive success! Our pupils enjoyed engaging sessions with: Grove RFC, Uffington Lawn Tennis Club, Uffington Table Tennis Club, White Horse Harriers and Uffington Cricket Club.

We extend our thanks to all the clubs for their time and commitment in providing our children with such wonderful experiences. The enthusiasm and participation from our pupils were truly inspiring, and we hope this week has sparked a lasting interest in sports and physical activity.

During that week in May, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk for SMAUK, a charity chosen by the children. If you would like to sponsor us we have a collection box in the school reception area.

We had an amazing morning for Sports Day to end the week! It was lovely to see so many of the parents joining us to support our pupils. The children were brilliant, demonstrating their hard work and resilience throughout the events. The winners of this year's Sports Day were **Saunders House**. We really enjoyed having everyone with us for a picnic afterwards, creating a wonderful community atmosphere. The children received medals and ice poles from our wonderful PTA.

We have a massive array of photos in our website galleries from the week <https://www.uffingtonprimary.org/News/Galleries/>

UFFINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Heather Abel

We were delighted and grateful to participate in the White Horse Garden Club plant sale and open gardens recently. As well as raising funds, it is a great way of welcoming people to the garden and even inviting them to come and join us too. We do *not* have pristine lawns and immaculate herbaceous borders but what we *do* have is a an organic, wildlife and people-friendly, working-community garden, growing healthy fruit veg and flowers in harmony with the natural world.

Knowing your environment helps you to value and protect it better, so we invited the Moth Recorder for Wiltshire to visit the garden to discover what we have lurking in the undergrowth, come nightfall. Local teenagers and Ridgeway class from school came along; a trap was set for identification and safe release next morning. WOW! What a marvellous array of moths; from tiny to massive, with some perfectly mimicking a broken twig. This is just one of the bonuses of leaving beautiful swathes of long grass on site to set seed as a perfect, but now quite rare, resource for wildlife. We have enjoyed identifying the many native grasses

too, with rustic old-fashioned names such as Mouse Barley, Meadow Foxtail and Yorkshire Fog.

Early in June, we were thrilled to host all four classes from Uffington Primary School as part of their learning about 'Sustainability'. We covered Food, Biodiversity, Soil and Water Conservation; having fun in the compost bays and discovering how to keep our little bit of the planet happy.

Oh, and we also grow stuff to eat and share – currently potatoes, beans, onions, shallots, garlic, tomatoes, cucumbers, melon, squashes, courgettes, peas, cauliflowers, sprouts, aubergines, all manner of fruit and herbs and flowers ... along with a fine crop of caterpillars, snails, birds... Come and see! Even better – come and join us!

To become a volunteer at the garden, membership is FREE so just come along. It is situated behind the Fox & Hounds; parking in Patrick's Orchard - Saturdays 2-4pm. If you would like to support our work without getting your hands dirty, become a Friend of Uffington Community Garden – for just £20 a year. (Friends' Summer Garden Party – Saturday 28th June – 12 noon-2pm)

Get in touch for details. All welcome!

heather.abel@hotmail.com 820709 or on Facebook - Uffington Community Garden

THESPIAN NEWS

The Uffington Players will soon be planning our next productions. We are hoping to be able to put something on in October this year; further information will go out once we have decided. We will also be hoping to resume rehearsals for Pantomime 2026.

If you think you would like to be involved in future productions, on stage or behind the scenes, you will be EXTREMELY welcome.

If you would like further information, please contact Christine Holley - email christineholley28@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website at uffingtonplayers.co.uk

SWIRE PRIZEWINNERS 2025

The standard of entries for this year's Swire art & photography prizes was notably high – so congratulations to the winners: this sculpture 'The Traveller with Quarter Staff' by Barbara Ostler.....





.....and this ravishing view from the White Horse, photographed by Jessica Loeb – the overall winner, seen below being presented with her prize glass bowl.





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This year's exhibition – 'Pride & Patronage' – celebrates the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen and her connections to the Vale of White Horse. We have welcomed over 300 visitors already and hope to see many more including those who live locally. The museum is a village asset, with the building owned by the Parish Council, run entirely by volunteers – please support us by visiting and bring your friends and family.

Nicola Cornick, a local author and historian gave a talk in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall on Monday 30th June. She will spoke about the Craven family and how they inspired Jane Austen.

The museum continues to exhibit the history and archaeology of the area including the White Horse and Wayland's Smithy. We have permanent displays on Thomas Hughes and Tom Brown's School Days and also the period that the late Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman lived in the village. We have a mock Victorian Schoolroom and continue to record the changes in village life in Uffington, with nearly half the collection consisting of photographs and articles from the late 1800's to the present day.

In July we will welcome all the pupils of Uffington School to celebrate Founder's Day and Thomas Saunders, who founded the original school in 1617. Uffington Museum will be open 2pm to 5pm every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter until the end of October and entry is FREE. We have local merchandise for sale and donations are always welcome to keep the museum up and running. You can visit us at the Uffington Farmers Market; the wonderful White Horse in steel art is available to purchase – it makes an excellent gift. Please don't miss the opportunity to visit this 'little gem' of a museum and see the Jane Austen exhibition.

Follow us on Facebook – Uffington Museum or our website
www.uffingtonmuseum.co.uk

A lot has been going on in St Mary's recently. This ancient building is still seeing its fair share of weddings and funerals (not a few of these recently). Hence our call for more 'Assistant Vergers' (see below); feel free to speak to me about that ancient word, which is very similar to being a 'Sidesperson'. Such people can help our building be a mid-wife to the presence of God for others. If that sounds a bit grand, it may be as simple as giving someone a cup of tea and a slice of cake. A big thanks to all who are helping at teas this season, and particularly to James W (for the perseverance) and Simon N (for the technical know-how) in getting the internet, and therefore other things like a card reader, into Church.

I once heard it said that the Celtic Christians had a prayer for everything, even milking a cow. They knew, too, about the thinness which separates life from death. Celtic spirituality has, as poet John O'Donohue wrote, a refined sense of the miracle of death. 'For a Celt, the eternal world was so close to the natural world that death was not seen as a terribly destructive or threatening event'. Death in our modern world is often kept hidden and out of sight. Technological advancement and the increasingly disembodied lives we lead push death further away.

There's a common misconception that Christianity is only concerned with spiritual matters – the things we can't see. However theology over the centuries has highlighted that we are neither just material, nor are we just spirit. The rituals the church has honed over millennia to help us deal with the things of life and death place importance on the body too.

'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust' we say – a return to the earth out of which God formed us. Christian hopes centre on Christ's triumph over death, but also in being 'fully alive' as Augustine put it.

This is not to diminish our bodies, and those we have loved whilst they were living, but it is also to provide a glimmer of hope about what is to come too. As O'Donohue wrote; 'Celts are comforted that they are going home to where no shadow, pain or darkness can ever touch you again'.

But for now we have this life, this reality, these relationships to work with – it may be as simple as a cup of tea with a friend, a neighbour, or just yourself. As I said on Trinity Sunday, one is never alone if you accept that God is relational too. The Nicene Creed, 1700 years old this year, is but a verbal form of a much deeper reality about the one who made us. May we always be enabled to experience such things, especially over as something simple as a cuppa.

Could you be one of our Team of Assistant Vergers ?



There are times, both at funerals and weddings, and if you like at our services too, when having someone to welcome people into St Mary's - to assist in guiding them to their seats, making sure they have an Order of Service, know where the loo is, that the sound system is on, and all the many things which go towards people feeling at home in our beautiful 13th-century building, become vital. If you would like to help us in this area, please let the Vicar (821143) or Fay (898071), or anyone else on the PCC, know. We would be delighted to hear from you !

St Mary's PCC : Revd. Jeremy Goulston (Vicar), Dr. Jo Clark (Treasurer), Fay Forster (Acting Churchwarden), James Whishaw, Simon Newman, Juliet Moss, Jeremy Moss, Beryl Packer (Safeguarding Officer and DS Rep.)

.....and a final request

Is there anybody out there with better desk-top publishing skills than I have, who might be willing and able to help us put together a new and succinct guide-book for St Mary's parish church? We plan to produce this for visitors to our beautiful building in some quantity.

The Vicar would love to hear from you on 01367 821143 or at jgoulston@btinternet.com

The White Horse Gardening Club in Uffington is held on the first Thursday of every month excluding January and August. Meetings are held at Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall 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 £20 from September to August; 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 June we had a lovely visit to Rooksnest Gardens in Lambourn followed by an excellent tea. The roses were in flower and at their best with wonderful scent, complemented by the various shrubs and flowers in the very full borders. In October we plan a visit to Wisley RHS Gardens. We are delighted to have booked Rachel de Thame as our key speaker for 2026.

For further information or a membership application form please contact Hilary at hilarydeakin@me.com or 07802 426822. Follow us on Facebook – Whitehorse Gardening Club.

NEWS OF THE MONTHLY MARKET

Uffington Market and Café is under new management! The market is held on the first Sunday of every month excluding January, in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall from 10am to 12:30pm. It was relaunched in February this year and we now have 44 stalls registered with approx. 25 attending every month.

The stalls include butchery, olives, samosas, vegetables, cheese, chocolate, blade-sharpening, garden plants and metalwork plus a wide variety of arts and crafts. We aim to use only local suppliers and small businesses and rotate the types of stalls each month so there is always something new to try.

The café is very popular serving bacon, egg and sausage baps, homemade cakes and tea, fresh coffee and cold drinks. For July, Chris and Sam will be offering afternoon tea boxes with scones, jam and cream to celebrate Wimbledon!

Please come and join us - it's a lovely way to catch up with friends on a Sunday morning over a coffee and the children can be entertained in the play park or the Jubilee Field. Further details are available from uffingtonmarket@hotmail.com or follow us on Facebook – Uffington Market.

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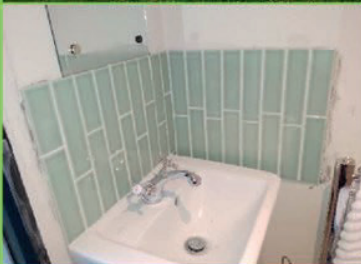
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Scheduled regular local activity information

Day of week	Time	Activity	Ages	Where	Contact
Mondays	8:30-9:30am	Circuits	Adult	Village Hall	Lucinda 07967 157620
Tuesday	10-11am	Tai Chi Qigong	Adult	Village Hall	If interested, attend to make enquiries
Tuesday	11.30- 12.30pm	Pilates	Adult	Village Hall	Fiona-wright@outlook.com
Tuesday	6-7.15pm	Beavers	6-8	Village Hall	Dave Barnes 07811 424978
Tuesday	6-9pm	Table Tennis	All ages	Village Hall	Paul White, paulwhite.smp@me.com
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing	12+	St. Mary's Church	Hugh Baxter 820014
4th Wednes- day of month	7-9:30pm	WI	Adult	Village Hall	whitehorsewi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk
Wednesday	6pm	League Cricket (20 overs)	14+	Sports Club Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Wednesday	6-7pm	Yogalates	Adult	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Thursday	6-7pm	Legs, bums and tums	All	Village Hall	Carolyn Courtney 07825414609
Thursday	6:30-8 pm	Cubs	Children 8-10	Village Hall	Michelle Garwood mhcgarwood@gmail.com
Thursday	7:15-9pm	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 stay	Jessica Mildenhall jessica_mildenhall@hotmail.com
Friday	12:30-1:30 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)	14+	Sports Club, Fawler Road	Joe Parman joeparman@outlook.com
Saturdays	2-4pm	Community Garden	Adult + accompani ed children	Community Garden	Heather Abel 01367 820709 heather.abel@hotmail.com
1st Sunday of month	10-12:30	Uffington Market	All	Car Park And Hall	uffingtonmarket@hotmail.com or Facebook

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