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Parish Council

The Council

Uffington Parish Council has six councillors. They serve four year terms, with elections next due in 2019. As a result of the elections held in May 2015, the composition of the Parish Council is now:

Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair) Tel. 01367 820776;
Mr Graham Banks (Vice Chair) Tel. 01367 820379;
Mr John Helsby Tel: 01367 821132;
Mrs Fenella Oberman Tel. 01367 820230;
Mrs Karen Pilcher Tel. 01367 820978;
(Vacancy)

Councillors may be contacted on the above telephone numbers or by e-mail to:
parishcouncil@uffington.net.

The Council meets on the second Monday of the month in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, at 7.30pm. There are no meetings in August or December. All residents are welcome to attend these meetings and raise any issues troubling them; we will make it easy for you by having an open forum session early in the meeting.

Sharon Smith announced at the meeting on 14 September that she will be standing down from the Council with immediate effect, as she and Peter are moving to Norfolk. We would like to thank Sharon very much for her huge contribution to the village in so many ways - on the Parish Council for 24 years, to the Museum, to the School, and to many other aspects of village and local life - over many years, and wish her and Peter the very best of luck in their new life.

We have to utilise the following procedure in order to fill the vacancy:

1. When a councillor resigns the Clerk notifies the District Council.

2. We then post a notice advertising a casual vacancy and advising people that they can request a poll to elect a new councillor.
3. The notice must remain in place for 14 days. If during this period a minimum of 10 people request a poll from the District Council then an election will be held within 60 days.
4. If no poll is requested, or insufficient people request a poll, then the Parish Council is free to co-opt a new councillor.
5. The candidate must receive an absolute majority of votes in order to be successful (not usually an issue if there is only one candidate).
6. The council is NOT obliged to consider the claims of candidates who were unsuccessful at the last election.

If you would like further information on the position of Parish Councillor, please contact the Chair, Mr Simon Jenkins. To formally apply for the position please write to the clerk (email applications are acceptable). Your application must confirm your eligibility for office. To be eligible you must be over 18 years of age; be a registered elector; and have lived or worked in the parish (or within three miles of the parish) for at least 12 months prior to the date of your application.

The Jubilee Field Autumn Tidy

This will take place on Sunday 25th October from 10.00am; all are welcome. It would be helpful if you could bring normal gardening kit, e.g. gloves, light tools like rakes or secateurs.

Community-Led Plan / Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council would like to thank the CLP Steering Group, chaired by Rob Hart, very much for their very hard work over a considerable period of time, in preparing the CLP for Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone. The CLP Group has finalised its report; at the time of writing, the report is with the printers and will be distributed to all households in Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has commenced work under the chairmanship of Rob Hart. The Terms of Reference under which it is operating are available on request.

Parking on Broad Street by the School

Please do NOT park, for however short a period of time, on the zig zag lines outside the

School; they are there for an important purpose - which is to make it possible for children going to School to enter the playground safely. It is a parking offence to park on these lines and you may be liable for penalties.

Major Planning matters

Since the last edition of the Courier, there is the following to report:

Station Road. Work started on the development of 36 houses on the Station Road site in August 2015. It is currently expected to take c18 months.

Land west of Fowler Road. The proposal to build 30 houses by the developer, Gladman, was refused by the District Council in early August. We now have to wait to see if the applicants intend to appeal this decision. The timescale for this is within 6 months of the date of the notice - i.e., by early February 2016. We would like to thank the large number of residents of Uffington, and some from much further afield, who were so concerned at this threat to the village that they took the trouble to write to the District Council about it. This shows that when we work together we can influence decisions that affect the village - democracy works!

Communications.

Village Web site. Work has started on an upgrade of the village website <http://www.uffington.net/>. As reported earlier, the new website will utilise up to date technology which will improve the presentation, provide additional facilities and be easier to edit. It will be in the ownership of the Parish Council, which will pay the hosting and support charges on behalf of the village. All existing information and links to other websites will be carried over to the new site. All who have posted information on the existing site, for example on the Shops and Services page, are asked to check their entries for accuracy and notify any changes to the Clerk, Julia Evans, at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com or parishcouncil@uffington.net.

E-mail notices. We have set up an e-mail distribution list which is used to publish notices of general interest to Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking, as and when they occur. If you would like to join it please send an e-mail with your own details to sjmjenkins@gmail.com. For data protection reasons, individual e-mail addresses are not disclosed.

Noticeboards. The Parish Council notice board and the notice board at the back of the Shop have been relocated to new positions outside the Shop.

Roadside hedges and ditches.

This is the annual reminder that it is the owners responsibility to ensure that pavements and sight lines are not obscured by the growth of vegetation; there are a few houses where hedges and plants have grown out over the pavement or road to a considerable extent. If the pavement or road are obscured by your hedge and it is held to have caused / contributed to an accident, you may be held liable. Please cut it back to the indicated edge of the road - this is usually clear but if you are unsure please contact the Parish Council.

As winter approaches, please ensure that any ditches for which you are responsible are cleared of vegetation and running freely. If you would like some assistance in this please contact the Parish Council at uffingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com or parishcouncil@uffington.net.

Dogs

We have received a few complaints about dog mess in the village. Please always clean up after your dog and use the bins supplied: there are plenty of them. Please never leave full bags lying around; quite apart from anything else, it is most unpleasant for the operator if they are hit by a strimmer.

Disabled parking

The disabled parking slot outside the Shop is for those who are registered disabled.

Privately owned sewage pumping stations

Thames Water is searching for privately owned sewage pumping stations that would become its responsibility next year. Some customers may not have made us aware of their pumping station so we hope the inclusion here will help raise awareness. If you want further information, there is a notice on the Parish Council notice board, or contact Thames Water: www.thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt

Enrych

We are including below some information on a charity called Enrych (Charity No 1119954).

- Join as a member. If you are an adult with a physical disability which restricts your

ability to take part in the activities of your choice then find out about the services Enrych offers in your area.

- Volunteer some time, share a hobby or skill with one of our members - we can provide training and support to assist you.
- Assist - purchase the services of a PA/Support Worker at a competitive rate where all proceeds go back to the Charity. If you are in receipt of Social Services funding, they will pay us directly.

How does Enrych help make a difference? We...

- Offer introductions and support to access local clubs, groups and activities.
- Provide accessible ENRYCH group activities such as swimming or healthy living clubs.
- Offer you the chance to purchase the services of a PA/support worker at a competitive rate where all surpluses go back to fund the Charity. If you are in receipt of Social Services funding and you have a personal budget, we can arrange for them to pay us directly making it easier for you. All our Support workers/PA have been police checked and trained to give a professional service. You will have the opportunity to be involved in the interview for your support worker in order to find the perfect person to assist you about the house, with appointments, shopping and social outings. Please note we do not provide any personal care.
- Invite people to join the ENRYCH social community - including regular social events, newsletters and other activities.

If you are interested contact Susan Linnett Tel: 07518 300387.

www.oxfordshire.enrych.org.uk/oxfordshire.

Good Neighbour Scheme

A number of people indicated in their response to the CLP Questionnaire that they would be interested in getting involved in the establishment of a good neighbour network to support anyone who needs it, in Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking.

We have now received more information on this subject from Paul Wolf who is part of the Good Neighbour Scheme Support Service for Oxfordshire, which is part of Volunteer Link-up (West Oxfordshire) - see: <http://www.vlu.org.uk/i-wantto-volunteer.html>.

Across Oxfordshire there are more than 50 Good Neighbour schemes offering help in the local community. Most of these groups offer assistance to vulnerable, elderly or isolated people, with, for example, essential transport, taking people to and from hospital and other medical appointments. Some groups offer other services such as befriending, shopping, help with gardening and small DIY jobs. All Good Neighbour Schemes are different and it is up to the residents of the area to decide what services they would like to be available.

The Good Neighbour Scheme Support Service offers advice and support to communities wishing to set up new schemes in any part of the county; specifically:-

- Help to source start-up grants
- Free insurance for Good Neighbour Scheme volunteers and Trustee Indemnity Insurance to Good Neighbour Scheme Network Members
- Advice on constitutions, policies and procedures
- Free Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for volunteers.

There will be a meeting in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 27 October to discuss what support there is for setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme AND the sort of services or advice that residents would like to receive. To make it work, we would need a small Steering Group, or possibly just a very few people to work together as coordinators in the first instance. Please come to this meeting if you would like to become involved in a Good Neighbour Scheme for Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking, AND if you would like to tell us what sort of services would be appreciated locally. A leaflet about setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme is on the Parish Council Notice board.

Julia Evans, Clerk

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Neighbourhood Watch

Useful Numbers:

PCSO Maralyn Pack (mobile when on duty) 07779 586392 EMail:

Maralyn.Pack@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency: 08458 505 505

Emergency: 999

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Tom Brown's School Museum

Please do visit our exhibition on Landscape Re-invented before the season finishes on 25th October. Whilst in the museum, you will also have the opportunity to look at the presentation on the computer which shows who lived where in Uffington in 1901 and 1911!

By the time you read this, we will have completed our move to Norfolk. It has been a great privilege, not to say fun, to be the curator of the museum and I know it will go from strength to strength in the future.

A new Curator will be appointed by the Management Committee of the Museum in due course and if you are interested in finding out more about the duties of the Curator, please contact Jo Coad (820428) or Karen Pilcher (820978).

Cooper Black

Simon Stafford and his group - Cooper Black - are coming to Uffington on Saturday, 14th November to give another concert in aid of the Museum. Those of you who came along last year, will remember a fantastic evening. Jo Marshall (820955) will be selling tickets and they will also be on sale at the shop. Price: £9.00 each.

Sharon Smith

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Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Improvements

Roller blinds have now been installed in the two west facing kitchen windows. These will provide shading from the sun's glare which can sometimes make it uncomfortable in the sink area. Thank you to Hilary Deakin for organising the suppliers.

The contract for the replacement of all foyer internal doors has been let.

Hall Events

White Horse Show Car Park. Many thanks to all supporters who undertook marshalling duties at the Show this year to raise funds for the Hall. Also to Clive Shanley and Rob Williamson who organized the roster. All fundraising goes towards Hall improvements. Thank you again, it is very much appreciated.

Hall Management

I am pleased to tell you that the Hall committee has a new finance team. Ray Avenall will be looking after the treasurer's element, Brona Jones Invoicing and Geoff Keene Hall Services. Welcome Ray, Brona and Geoff.

Hall website

There is lots of information about the Hall on the website www.thmh.co.uk so do take a look, feedback always welcome. A copy of the booking diary appears on the website to make it easier to see which periods are free for booking as require.

Paul Armishaw

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Uffington School

The start of the school year is always my favourite time, when children return after their summer break looking very grown up and ready to face the challenges of their new school year. Our school value, Perseverance, is our current school focus, supporting the children in their learning and social skills to become more resilient and independent learners.

Over the holidays our early year's outdoor area has been completed and we have a lovely area with its own Dragon Hill and a tree trunk that has become a castle, a dragon and many more things throughout this term. Thank you to the White Horse Show for supporting this project with substantial funding.

The Year 5/6 classroom has been fully renovated, with a suspended ceiling, new carpet and storage. It offers a more spacious and inspiring space for the children to learn.

Sadly we have said goodbye to two members of our team. Miss Stabler who taught our reception class, and Mrs De Wilton who has been an administrator at the school for nearly 10 years. Good luck to you both of you in your new ventures and thank you for your hard work and commitment to the school. Mrs Karen Stevens has left her employment with our catering suppliers so we say a fond farewell to her and welcome Ms Lucy Webb who will be joining the school as our new cook.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to three new members of staff. Mrs Alison Haynes who joins us as our new finance officer, Mrs Snell - part time class 2 teacher and Mrs Slater - part time reception teacher.

Mrs A Carnell, Headteacher

Uffington C of E Primary School
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e-mail: head.3251@uffington.oxon.sch.uk
School website www.uffington.oxon.sch.uk

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Elm Tree Surgery

Prescription Collection Service

Will patients ordering repeat prescriptions from the Surgery please note that they should now do so before 12.30 pm on the Monday of the week in which they are needed, earlier orders

would of course be welcomed. Prescriptions will then be available in the Post Office on the following Thursday.

Pam Coulson

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Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone Minibus

Do you know that our community minibus makes weekly trips to Faringdon and Wantage on Tuesday and Friday mornings respectively, leaving Uffington at 9.30 and picking up passengers on the way at points convenient for them? We also alternate between Swindon and Witney with a monthly Thursday morning trip. Passengers are set down at convenient points including the Medical Centre in Faringdon.

The minibus may be used by all members of the UBW Minibus Association, and membership of the Association is open all villagers. There is a modest fare to contribute to the cost of running the minibus. Bus passes may be used in lieu of payment.

We would like to hear from you:-

- if you would like to use the minibus and need more information.
- if you have decided against it for any reason but could help us with any suggestions for enhancements or changes to our community services which may make them more attractive for you.
- if you feel you may like to join the pool of volunteer drivers, who each do a trip about once a month.

We look forward to hearing from you. Contacts -

. John Hatcher 01367 820417

. Michael Lord 01367 820134

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Uffington Farmers Market

Furture dates for the market are:-

18th October, 15th November and 20th December 2015

At the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall,

Broad Street, Uffington SN7 7SB

from 10:30am to 12:30pm

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St Mary's Church

On the evening of 21st July 2015, St. Mary's Uffington was full as our new Vicar, the Reverend Jeremy Goulston was instituted, inducted and installed by the Bishop of Dorchester, the very Reverend Colin Fletcher, the Archdeacon of Dorchester, the Venerable Judy French and the Area Dean, the Reverend Charles Draper. In the Church were many of the clerics who had helped us so magnificently during the interregnum, clerics from the rest of the Deanery, representatives of various local councils and societies, Jeremy's family and well-wishers from his previous parish as well as many from our own parishes. With inspiring words from the Bishop and stirring singing from a full Church, it was a truly memorable occasion.

The Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall just managed to contain the celebration afterwards that gave an opportunity to those losing their Vicar to make very sure we realise just how lucky we are, and to the rest of us to try not to look too pleased! The decoration of the Church and the provision of refreshments was a combined effort by all four parishes, much admired and enjoyed by all present.

From the new Vicar

Dear All,

This is just to say 'hello' and introduce myself as the new Vicar of Uffington Benefice (that includes the churches of Uffington, Shellingford, Woolstone and Baulking, and their respective people). I have received a very warm welcome over the last few months and it

has been good to get to know some of you as I criss-cross the four parishes by car, bike and on foot. This is a very beautiful part of the world indeed, and the sense of community is strong here - long may that be so.

I have been in parish ministry for over a decade, in Sussex and Oxfordshire, and before that in various kinds of care work, spending several years in a L'Arche Community near Canterbury (if you google 'L'Arche' you'll find out more).

As I walked off the cricket pitch for the second and last time this season (awe go-on, give us another chance Howard!) and realised I'd been party to losing one and winning one, the words of my English teacher came back to haunt me; 'you live and learn Jeremy, you live and learn!' I look forward to living and learning about parish ministry in this place with all of you.

Seeing some of the early games of the Rugby World Cup I realise that it takes 'all sorts' to make a team, and to make the team work. That's not just true for churches, schools, and communities; I think it's true for families, and for life in general. We have some great, and very different, people on our Church, school, and community 'teams' and I am thankful for it.

As I took the funeral of Harry Jones at Baulking last week and marvelled at the number of people who came from the scientific world to pay their respects with his friends and family, it struck me that Harry must have been good at working with others. Here was a scientist who valued poetry as he did cryogenics. He liked cycling round different churches too; once 'bagging' 47 in a day!

Feel free to drop in on any of our services. Remember that much like you we have feet of clay, but we have hope too.

With all good wishes,
Jeremy Goulston.

The pattern of services in the immediate future will be similar to what was previously given but does have some differences:

Sunday	Uffington - 11am	Baulking - 8.45am	Shellingford - 9.30am	Woolstone - 10.15am
1st in month	One family service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
2nd in month	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Something Special	Holy Communion
3rd in month	8am Holy Communion Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Croissant Service
4th in month	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
5th in month	10am Benefice Communion in the parishes in turn			

This will itself be reviewed when it has run for a few months to see if there are any serious difficulties.

Since last writing, members of the four parishes have been deeply saddened by the loss of a number of friends: Brian Loxton, Margaret Scrivens, Harry Jones, Unity Rogers, Terry Saunders and Naomi Lee. We send our sympathy and best wishes to the families as they come to terms with their loss.

The Summer Lunches during June and July and the Sunday Teas from June to September have been much enjoyed by a many folk though they have both noticed somewhat reduced numbers this year. We hope for greater things next year with, perhaps, rather better weather.

Some early dates for November/December

November 8th	Remembrance Service	10.00 am Uffington 10.30 am Shellingford
November 29th	Benefice Service	10.00 am Baulking

December 13th	Carols by Candle Light	5.00 pm Shellingford
December 20th	Nine Lessons and Carols	6.00 pm Uffington
December 24th	Crib Service Nativity Late Holy Communion	3.00 pm Uffington 5.00 pm Baulking 11.00 pm Woolstone
Christmas Day	Holy Communion Holy Communion	9.00 am Shellingford 10.15 am Uffington

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Auction for St Mary's Church Funds

AUCTION Saturday 7th November at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall for St Mary's Church funds. Auctioneer Mr. Simon Jones of B.B.C "Flog It" fame. Hall open for viewing from 12 noon with Ploughman's lunches and Homemade Soup available. Also stalls open for Bric a Brac sales, Books, Cakes & Preserves, and Grand Autumn Draw for a TV (with built in DVD player) and many other prizes. Auction from 2.30pm. Any offers of items or promises for the auction will be gratefully received - please contact Fay Forster 01367 82036 or any PCC member.

Fay Forster

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White Horse Gardening Club

During the summer months of June, July and August the Garden Club have been visiting other gardens and fortunate to have beautiful sunny evenings on each occasion.

- June a tour of some gardens in Childrey which included the famous Childrey Cedar.
- July Rooksnest and Inholmes, Lambourn.
- August The Old Rectory, Farnborough.

In the autumn we return to the hall for our meetings.

- Sept 3rd Paul Green of Green's Leaves, Newent, filled the hall with many different shrubs and gave a talk on 'Choice shrubs for the garden'. Everyone departed hugging a shrub or two.
- Oct. 1st 'The good, the bad and the ugly'. Michael Jordan from the Association of British Fungus Groups will talk on the fascinating subject of 'Fungi', followed by:
- Oct. 3rd Saturday at 10.30am. A Fungus Foray with Michael Jordon at Ashdown Park, with optional lunch at a local pub afterwards.
- Nov. 5th 'Garden Design' by Caroline Tatham from The Cotswold Garden School. Caroline has built a garden at the Eden Project and won awards at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.
- Dec. 3rd AGM followed by 'Damson + Gin'. A talk by William Parry of Wessex Wild Plum Co. Tasting and Products to buy. And a glass of wine and nibbles to celebrate.

Please do come along and join The Club. £10 membership. £2.50 visitors. All very WELCOME.

Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Thomas Hughes Memorial

Hall (unless otherwise stated).

(Contact E: parrottspreene@aol.com T: 01367-820251)

Pamela Preene

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Uffington, Baulking & Woolstone W.I.

'The History & Memories of the Witney Blanket' was the topic of Valerie Burton's talk on 16th June, Valerie provided us with a really interesting insight into the history & her own memories of this famous company and the production of their product. Valerie worked in the office and one of her tasks was dealing with the workers timesheets and wages payments. Here she met & married her husband and with his input she has put together an interesting and humorous account of the start & finish of this story. Valerie explained how the industry dominated the Cotswolds and how the industrial revolution affected the industry and its workers. Early Mill, the last of the mills, closed down in 2002 when the popularity of the duvet took over from blankets ending over 300 years of the 'Witney Blanket' history.

On Tuesday 28th July at our Open Meeting, Simon Jones, of 'Jones and Jacob Ltd', fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers, Watlington, came to the Sports and Social Club Uffington. Members and guests were invited to bring cherished belongings for Simon to discuss and value, as part of his talk 'Antiques Road Show'. Tea pots, plates, hat pins, paintings, pictures and a knife were amongst the selection of items brought. Simon was very interesting and used his knowledge drawn from his years of experience in the auction room to put a value on them. Sufficient to say that there were no surprises, unfortunately!!

The summer Garden party held on August 18th, at the home of Janice one of our members, proved to be a very enjoyable evening, despite the inclement weather. To celebrate the centenary of the WI it was agreed that we would invite the Fernham and Shellingford WI group, partners and guests, to join us for a 'Pimms and Puds' evening which was enjoyed by all. Waistlines and healthy eating were forgotten on this occasion with so many delights to sample!

Beverley Buckley

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Uffington Community Garden Association

Uffington Community Garden needs YOU!

Time has flown, but 3 years ago an area of land behind the 'Fox & Hounds' pub was transformed from a wilderness, into a beautiful community garden. We have created beds where we grow vegetables, flowers and soft fruit, all based on organic principles, for our own consumption. We have had tremendous support from the community in the form of grants and donations, transport, equipment, sheds, a greenhouse, water, etc. - the list is long

However, some of our members have moved away, which leaves only 3-4 people there most Saturday afternoons, between 2-4 pm. We need new members, to keep the garden running as a community project. It's free to join, and we have experienced gardeners to work with; we all learn from each other. You will be welcome even if you can only come on an occasional basis.

If you would like to grow a few vegetables, but don't have a vegetable garden or an allotment, why not come down and meet us, and see if it's for you? Anyone of any age is welcome, indeed the Beavers have been growing vegetables at the garden this summer.

Once you feel familiar with what grows where, you would be welcome to come down at any time to suit you, if Saturdays are not convenient.

On the 31st October from 2-4 pm we are holding another pumpkin carving workshop. To avoid disappointment, bring your own pumpkin if possible. We do have a few on site if you get stuck. Parents will need to accompany small children. Access is through the small parking lot on Patrick's Orchard.

Apart from our growing activities, we held a successful Produce Show at the White Horse Show in August, with 19 exhibitors in 23 categories. Thank you to the White Horse Show Committee and all those who generously sponsored us.

Krista Soper (820364)

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Messy Church

This is a different fun way of enjoying church, bringing families closer to God through a bible story being explored using crafts, games, drama and songs; then sharing a 2 course meal. The St. Mary's Ministry team, including our new vicar Jeremy Goulston, help organise it every month.

Between 30-50 people including helpers usually come to Messy Church, with some families having come nearly every month since we started in November 2012. We welcome anyone who wants to help, also donations of cakes and money. To arrive late is fine, especially for working families.

Messy Church is enjoyed by all ages, we look forward to seeing you at the THMH from 3:30-5:30pm, on the second Friday of each month. Bring your friends from other villages. Our themes this quarter will be:-

October 9th - 'Calming the Storm'

November 13th 'Who is Jesus?' We will also be celebrating our 3rd anniversary as a Messy Church family.

In December we can join in various services in St. Mary's church and the other churches in the Benefice, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

At the White Horse Show in August we learned more about Noah and the Ark, creating a beautiful poster in the St. Mary's Prayer Tent. There was lots of glue and paint and mess! Every month the new poster is displayed in St Mary's church for everyone to enjoy.

Contact Sue Jennings 820013 or Liz Doyle to help with catering 820436

Sue Jennings

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Uffington Tennis Club

The tennis club has had an extremely busy summer this year playing what we believe was a record 32 matches against other local clubs. The majority of these matches were in the Swindon and District Leagues with the main success being in the ladies doubles where Uffington won the Division 4 title. After a slow start the ladies hit form when it mattered and pipped Marlborough B team to the title by a single point. In Division 4 of the mixed doubles, Uffington finished as runners up after unfortunately loosing both home and away to the eventual winners Purton C. The good news is that both the ladies and mixed teams have won promotion and are sure to face stiffer challenges next season. We also have two teams entered into this winters mixed doubles leagues.

Back in Uffington the club held its annual mixed doubles tournament in early July. The final this year was extremely close with the experienced pairing of Jeremy Moss and Sally Chorley recording a surprise 7-6 win over Edward Moss and Anne Hollingworth. After the tournament there was a BBQ and as usual all proceeds will be useful for maintaining the courts in their current good condition. Full details about all the clubs activities and membership details can either be found on the clubs website (www.uffingtontennis.co.uk) or by contacting me on 01367 821048.

Ross Heyburn

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The Uffington Players

The Uffington Players will soon be planning their next Pantomime, Oh no they're not , Oh yes they.....you get the idea. This will start at the next Committee meeting, which we are opening to anyone who would like to come along and get involved. The Panto is performed during the

February half term. If you think you would like to join us either on or back stage, then please come to the Sports Club on Thursday 22nd October at 730pm. If you think you might be interested but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Christine Holley 820474 or visit our website www.uffingtonplayers.co.uk

Christine Holley

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Benefice 200 Club

Results of the 4th draw, quarter ending 30th June 2015. Held following the Organ recital by Rachel Mahon at St Nicholas Church, Baulking

1st Prize	£150	No 46	Georgina Paton
		No 97	S & R Green
2nd Prize	£55	No 53	J & H Deakin
		No 101	Betsie Matthews family
		No 83	J & J Reid
		No 198	D Dalrymple
3rd Prize	£35	No 156	Dr & Mrs Coad
		No 122	Gordon Lugg
		No 93	Hamish McCullough
		No 24	LDE Hollingworth
		No 154	Dave & Rose Holborow
4th Prize	£27	No 57	John & Susie McCullough
		No 99	Jeremy & Sarah ale
		No 61	Dr A King

Results of the 1st draw, quarter ending 30th September 2015. Held following Harvet festival Evensong at St Nicholas Church, Baulking

1st Prize	£150	No 13	Linda Jones
		No 22	Doreen Loxton
2nd Prize	£55	No 83	John & Joy Reid
		No 69	Viv Maton
		No 156	Josie & Paul Coad
		No 154	Dave & Rose Holborow
3rd Prize	£35	No 60	The Rev Jeremy Goulston
		No 81	The Rev Rosanna Martin
		No 37	Ann Kelsey
		No 17	Julia Jeremy Twynham
		No 165	Anthony Spink
4th Prize	£27	No 3	S & R Green
		No 174	Sue Harrison
		No 29	Pam Cale

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A wet Bank Holiday weekend meant that we were always going to struggle to attract a bumper crowd but although we were down on visitor numbers from last year (one dry day and one very wet one) initial figures confirm that we made a small profit to be added to the existing Trust

funds for distribution. On top of that, feedback from the various community stands is that they were largely successful in their own fundraising activities so a positive result for a wet weekend.

Thank you to all of you who were involved in the organisation, both in the months leading up to and over the weekend. We couldn't put on the Show without the continued support of volunteers. Particular mention to those who pushed cars out of the car-park on both days, which included Jeremy our new incumbent vicar taking his pastoral care to a new level!

As ever, we are still in need of more help to cover various elements of the Show - a couple of examples being the need for someone to manage the Animals element of the Show involving booking in the various different exhibitors and managing their arrival over the weekend. Another is for managing our website, keeping it up-to-date, adding new ideas and enabling us to make better use of the site for promoting the event. All we need is a few hours of your time spread over a year.

We also particularly welcome suggestions and ideas for how to further develop the Show, introducing new areas and themes, and we are always looking to exploit any village contacts in terms of gaining more direct access to particular attractions and dare I say it - celebrity names - which can help widen the appeal of the Show for attracting more visitors. If you can assist in the Show organisation or have ideas for future years please email me on ep@waymarkresidential.co.uk.

Finally, please remember that all our profits are transferred to the White Horse Show Trust whose role it is to distribute these back into the parishes of Baulking, Uffington and Woolstone. For an application form go to the Uffington.net website, click on Clubs and Associations and then download the application form under the White Horse Show section.

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