

# Upton St Leonards Life

## incorporating Church News

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## NEW COFFEE CLUB

This is a new activity, starting for a trial period to see if it takes off. Every Monday, from Aug 1st, the BMI will be open from 10am to noon, when coffee and tea will be available at a small cost. A great chance to get out and meet other people! Why not make it a regular date in your calendar?

You don't need to be a member of the BMI to come along. This is an ideal opportunity to get out and make / meet friends especially if you live alone or don't have family close by in Upton.

If you know of anybody who would benefit by attending this free social event please let us know, so we can extend the invitation. If anyone requires transport please let us know as this can be arranged.

### VOLUNTEER!

If you or anyone you know would like to help by greeting people and making them feel welcome please contact us or just come along on the day. For further information please phone Marilyn Bannister or Millie Barnes.

## HONOURING THOSE KILLED AT THE SOMME

Last month's newsletter showed how the Village was so deeply affected by events at the Somme in 1916, and early on July 1st this year over thirty of today's Villagers met silently at the War Memorial. At exactly 7.30am there was a whistle blast, to the minute a hundred years on from those first whistle sounds signalling the order to advance "over the top" to the men in the trenches.



**THE UPTON ST LEONARDS SHOW is coming soon - only 41 days to go!**

See page 5 for more Information.



# What's been happening?

## TWYVER WI

(There is a report on the July Twyver WI meeting on page 6)

The August meeting is a short walk of about 2 miles and starts from the King's Head pub at 7.30pm, ending back at the pub to eat (pre booking of food before the walk). The next meeting at the Village Hall is on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Nathalie Mignotte on Seasonal Colours in the Garden. Please come and join us - you will be very welcome.

## UPTON WI

The writings of Dylan Thomas were brought to life by our speaker in July, George Yiend, who recited from Reminiscences of Childhood. He kept us spellbound and entertained as he brought Dylan Thomas's words to life.

Our new Luncheon Club had been much enjoyed and there was a second meal in July. There is canal cruise in August and a Group Harvest Supper on 28th October at Hucclecote.

There is no meeting in August so the next Upton WI meeting will be on 5th September when our speaker will be Fiona Warin who will talk on the Land Girls. Fiona is a most amusing speaker and we would be pleased to welcome any visitors who wish to join us.

Some Twyver WI members met for a walk. Sue Merigold writes: "Fortunately we had great walking weather when eight of us turned up for our July meet. Though a relatively short ramble of 3.5 miles around the outskirts of picturesque Sapperton, it was not without its scrambles and muddy patches and we were glad to have walking poles! Passing over the river Frome and up through the pleasant Darvel Woods, we came onto the Daneway Bank, a delightful meadow full of beautiful wild flowers and protected butterflies. The wonderfully decorated seat made an ideal scenic coffee stop. After walking through ancient deciduous Siccaridge Wood we came down to the bridge over the Thames and the Severn Canal and took the path alongside these waters to the re-opened Daneway Inn. Soon we came upon the amazing Sapperton tunnel and portal, and after a pull uphill we arrived back in Sapperton and enjoyed a tasty lunch at The Bell."



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## What's been happening (continued)

### B.M.I. SUMMER QUIZ

The B.M.I.'s July Summer quiz attracted 11 teams of four. The winning team were the "Euro-Sceptics", and £103 was raised on the night, including a raffle and an individual donation. The next "Autumn" quiz will be on Saturday 17th September.

All the proceeds of the evening, and the other "seasonal" quizzes, go to a nominated charity for the year, and this year the charity will be "Longfield" who provided care for our dear friend Jenny Long.



### VILLAGE DAY - THANKS

In last month's USL Life we majored on pictures and stories from the Village Day. It is now right for USL Life, on behalf of all the residents of the Village, to record huge thanks to the organising committee. At the risk of omitting some very important people, we do congratulate and thank Carol Evans, Keith and Ann Pearson, Mike Stratford, Dorothy Cox, Paula Quinn, Michelle King, Jim Browne and Jackie Lord. It was a great event, achieving its aim of bringing the Village together, bringing some fun and raising funds (see below!)

### *Village Day fund raising*

The pictures below show Carol Evans presenting a cheque for £1,100 to the playgroup, and Carol and Keith Pearson presenting the same amount to Rev Robbin Clark and churchwarden Keith Robbins for the church.



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*What's coming up ...?* August is a "quiet" month for big events of course, but here are a couple in the Village:

## **The BMI Annual PIG ROAST**

**Saturday 13 August  
7.30pm**

Come and join us for good food and drink,  
great company and a wonderful evening.

## **USL Cricket Club's Six-a-side tournament Sunday 28 August**

Come and watch! Games start at  
11am, with the final at about 6pm  
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This is a great day of fun non-stop  
big-hitting cricket

We could accommodate one "Village"  
team. Anyone up for it? You just need to  
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That reminds me - the pig roast is on Sat 13th

*In your diaries for  
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### **BMI AUTUMN QUIZ**

For BMI members and signed in  
guests

**Saturday 17th  
September 8.00p.m.**

£5.00 per team of 4. All profits  
on the night for the BMI charity  
for 2016-2017 "Longfield"

*And on September 10<sup>th</sup> of course it is the ...*

## Upton St Leonards Show



The show itself runs from 2 - 4.30pm on Saturday 10th September, when you can look at the hundreds of exhibits\* in classes such as flowers, vegetables, handicraft, cooking, art, and photography. There is a large children's section and the Show Committee is committed to encouraging children to enter, for it is they who will continue this Village's fine tradition in running an open Show, open to all who choose to enter. For some it is serious stuff, for others it is a bit of fun and taking part. You can listen once again to the Cotswold Big Band , eat lashings of ice cream, win something unexpected at the bottle stall, or simply go there to meet people and chat. There's face painting, a bouncy castle, hot dogs, and skittles competitions. Afternoon tea and cakes are available in the Hall in case the excitement gets too much!



September 10th is the date (second Saturday in September each year). Please support a fine tradition. And now some help is required:

### **\*Exhibitors wanted!**

The Show's success relies on the huge range of exhibits (here are some photos of last year's exhibits, also on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/usflowershow>

Please pick up an entry form and a full schedule of exhibit classes from the Post Office, or download these from the website [uptonstleonardsshow.com](http://uptonstleonardsshow.com)



### **Volunteers wanted!**

We always need help with setting out the marquees ready for the exhibits, setting out tables and chairs in the hall, fetching things, putting up bunting and so on. Can you spare a couple of hours on the Friday, Saturday morning or Saturday evening from about 5pm to help clear up? Can you give us a hand? Call Carol (849350) to enlist or just offer your services on the day.

### **Second hand books wanted!**

### **Items for the bottle stall wanted!**

### **Cakes wanted ! (for the refreshments).**

Cliff Alderman (Publicity Upton Show)

# Hearing Dogs

*Editor: This is a report, written by Janine Black, of a talk given at the July Twyver WI meeting, and we felt many would like to read it. We all know about Guide Dogs for the Blind, but not so many of us know about Hearing Dogs.*

The speaker from "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" was Merleen, who arrived with her husband Paul and her Hearing Dog (HD) Grace, a beautiful black Cocker Spaniel. Grace sat very quietly under a chair while business was conducted and then while Merleen introduced her talk. Once Grace was prompted to join in she then proceeded to visit all corners of the hall, and undertook a veritable slalom in between chairs and feet - ensuring plenty of ear tickles and laughter!

Merleen herself started to lose her hearing during her 20's, and had to wear hearing aids in her 30's, so now has 40 years' experience of their use. She is classed as 'Profoundly Deaf' and describes this as an invisible disability. Until last year she had not been on a train alone for 15 years, but now with Grace as her companion she is confident and independent. Grace allows her to do things she has not done for 25 or 30 years.

In Britain approximately 900,000 people have a significant hearing impairment - about 1 in 6, but this is set to rise, particularly in the 15 to 25 year age group, whose use of game and music ear pieces and attendance at loud music festivals are building up issues for their future.



"Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" was founded in 1982 and over 2000 dogs have undergone training and been placed with suitable people, including children. Each placement costs £40,000, from puppies and their training, to ongoing training support and regular veterinary checks until the dog reaches approximately 10 years of age. Volunteers are very important during training and deal with puppy socialising for 14 to 16 months. Training includes obedience and soundwork, which means that dogs can identify danger sounds such as a fire alarm or other more normal sounds such as kitchen timers, doorbells or text messages. If the sound is classed as dangerous the dog will drop to the floor, whereas a normal sound will just mean touching a leg to gain attention. This can sometimes mean that a wake-up call in the morning will be a paw or nose to the face because the leg is covered up - and there is no snooze button to press with a dog!

There are many types of help that dogs can give, as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hearing Dogs and Assistance Dogs, helping wheelchair users and also Medical Detection Dogs. Of the 9 dogs in Grace's litter, 6 are Assistance type dogs and 2 work as sniffer dogs with Customs and Excise.



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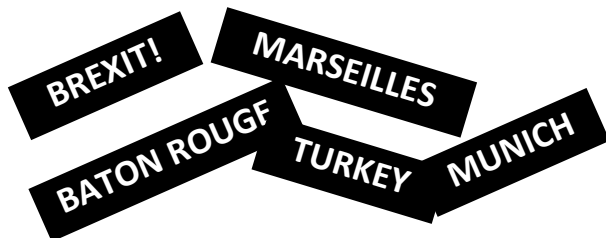
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## CHURCH NEWS

### Rev Robbin writes

*Dear Friends,*

What a difference a month makes! When I last wrote this letter, the EU referendum had not yet been held and we had no idea of all the political upheavals that



would follow on from the vote to leave. The many recent episodes of terror and gun violence in France, Germany and the USA had not yet happened, not to mention the attempted coup in Turkey. I am left trying to make sense of it all and wondering whether making sense is even possible.

In the midst of so many uncertainties and frightening possibilities, it is so helpful to be able to count on something real and unchanging. I, along with Christians everywhere, find that in the love of God, which has been shown us fully in Jesus Christ. We discover there a promise that outlasts all our troubles and fears, though it does not exempt us from them. Because we can count on God's presence with us and with all those going through difficult times and events, we are better able to bear them ourselves.

The Church, which is sometimes called Christ's Body on earth, is a visible sign of that presence and a place where people gather to affirm it. In church, we gather to praise God in story and song and to pray for our own and the world's needs and also for people in special need of healing, hope or consolation. It is a place of fellowship and community celebration, one where we mark before God momentous events in our own lives such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. It is also a place to pop in for a quiet moment of reflection or prayer or just to be still in God's presence. St Leonard's is the gathering point of the parish. With its churchyard, it is there for all the people of the village and for visitors regardless of whether they are regular members of the congregation.

But how does that happen on a practical level? What does it take to assure that St. Leonard's continues to provide services and solace and a place to gather? It receives no financial support from government

### August Church Diary

As usual in August, each church in this area organises 6pm services and invites the others to attend.

#### SUN 7th

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Rev Robbin Clark)
- 10.00am Morning Worship (Rachel Hall)
- 12.00pm Baptism
- 6.00pm Evening service at St Oswalds, Coney Hill

#### SUN 14th

- 10.00am Communion! (Rev Hugh Broad)
- 6.00pm Evening service at St Philip & St James, Hucclecote

#### SUN 21st

- 10.00am Communion! (Rev Robbin Clark)
- 6.00pm Evening service here - our turn to host the other churches!

#### SUN 28th

- 10.00am Holy Communion (Archdeacon Jackie Searle)
- 6.00pm Evening service at St Lawrence, Barnwood

### Who's Who at the Parish Church

#### Priest-in-Charge:

Vacancy  
Rev Robbin Clark - "Transitional Consultant"

#### Churchwardens:

- 1 Keith Robbins
- 2 Vacancy

#### PCC Secretary:

Roy Roberts

#### Church Treasurer:

Vacancy

#### Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

#### Bell Tower Captain:

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Rachel Hall

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Evelyn Rumsey

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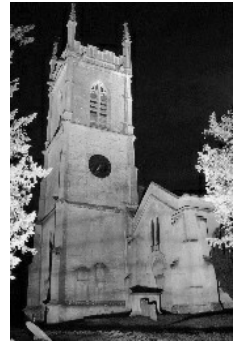
Naomi Stanley-Gunn

(sometimes this surprises people who think that a 'state' church would be paid for) and must take care of all its building and operating expenses locally, though the Diocese of Gloucester helps underwrite the cost of having a local priest. This means, quite frankly, that for St. Leonard's to be there for you, you need to be there for St. Leonard's. (Continued over the page)



# CHURCH NEWS

## Tower Floodlighting Sponsorship Details



The Tower Lights are lit on the 4th August to celebrate my 70th birthday. Thank you for all your good wishes and especially all the donations at my charity BBQ for my chosen charity (Chloe's dream) instead of gifts, Jenny Cunningham x

On Friday 12th August the Tower Lights are lit in celebration of the 10th birthday of Charlie Davies. Kindly sponsored by his grandparents Keith and Brenda Davies

*If you or your family wish to have the lights sponsored in celebration of a birthday or anniversary or for a loved one's life or any other reason then please contact Matthew Gibbs for more details.. There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to give to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to gift aid any donation this will help us too. Please note that the deadline to ensure a dedication gets in this newsletter is the 10th of the preceding month.*

### Rev Robbin writes, continued . . .

Anyone can help, and a bit from everyone would make the burden light indeed. Maybe a financial gift is best for your situation. Maybe doing a task around the building or in the churchyard (remember those 'adverts' for a lawn mower?) fits you better. The gift of your presence at worship cannot be underestimated. Do speak to one of the PCC members listed on this page to find out more or to make you offer of help. There is a saying that has stayed with me for a long time that applies to many things, not least this: If we don't all hang together, we will surely all hang separately.

In the midst of such disquieting times as we now face, I pray we can come together to sustain St. Leonard's as a visible sign of God's presence with us in this village.

God bless you,

*Robbin*

### The 2016 Annual Conference of the Methodist Church passed a resolution at the end of June containing the following text:

The United Kingdom, as a result of the referendum on 23 June 2016, has voted to leave the European Union. In this time of very significant change and uncertainty there is a need for leadership which seeks the common good and encourages people to work together, to respect one another and to uphold the dignity of all.

The Methodist Conference believes that the British Isles are enriched by diversity and celebrates the contribution made by those who have come from other parts of the world. The Christian tradition calls for respect, tolerance, love of neighbour and hospitality to the stranger. All bear the responsibility of speaking and acting for healing, reconciliation, and mutual respect.

The Methodist Conference abhors and deeply regrets those actions and words which incite hatred and lead to the victimisation of groups within society and notes with concern that such actions and words have been normalised in recent public discourse.

There are more details on the national Methodist Church website.

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# JAZZ



## The Glevum Big Band

Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30-10.30pm in the Village Hall

Come and join the fun

£10 per ticket, to include a ploughman's supper and soft drinks  
(It's BYO if you want alcohol)

Help the Village save our historic church building

Tickets from Rachel Hall or Dorothy Cox  
Hurry - this could be a sell out!

### CHURCHYARD TALES - Part 2

This month the visitors' book has revealed some fascinating visitors from the other side of the world to St. Leonard's churchyard. I was in the churchyard when visitors Dawn and Ken Read (quick...sign the visitors book please) came all the way from New Zealand looking for their ancestors by the name of 'Bishop'. On their portable lap-top they had searched their ancestry and had come up with several ancestors by the name of 'Bishop' who had died and been buried in Upton St. Leonards. Sadly the records we have do not have any record of any 'Bishops' so short of going to Gloucester Archives and searching in the old burial books I was unable to help them.

However we were able to help Mr and Mrs Hunt who came over from Australia to visit the grave of their mother, Anthea Mary Hunt who died exactly 20

years ago. (*Ed: Anthea and her husband Bob sang in the church choir until her untimely death*)

A visitor from Balgowlah, NSW, Australia came to see the village and church where his great grandmother had lived and worshipped. Margaret Brown had emigrated to New Zealand in the 1870's.

A little closer to home visitors from Faversham in Kent came to locate their family graves by the name of 'Ballinger' and this time our record system worked and they were able to photograph the graves they had come to find (even if partially hidden by the long grass).

From Sheila Thomas

# CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

In July we remembered those from Upton who gave their lives for us in the first month of the Battle and are commemorated on our War Memorial. As the Battle continued, tragedy affected more families in the Village. Two more men were reported killed in August:

Captain Edward Vivian Dearman Birchall DSO - Bucks Battalion of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. He died on 10th August 1916 aged 32. He was wounded while leading an attack on a German trench near Poziers on the Somme. His citation reads "He led forward his company with great dash under fire, entered the enemy's trench and though dangerously wounded refused assistance until assured the position was won." He was wounded in the leg and taken to Estaples Military Hospital where he died on his 32nd birthday. He is buried in Estaples Military Cemetery.



This was a double tragedy for the Birchall family of Bowden Hall; Edward's brother Arthur Birchall had been killed in the Battle of Loos the previous year.

Private Henry Isaac Tranter - 1st/5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He died on 28th August 1916 aged 19. He was a stretcher bearer and is buried in Blighty Valley Cemetery, Authuille Wood on the Somme. His father, who was a carpenter and lived in Pretoria Cottages Upton, made the original turnstile gate on the footpath into Upton Churchyard in remembrance of his son.

Note: Sergeant Sydney Millard killed 23 July was aged 32, not 19 as shown in July USL Life

From Roy Roberts and Mike Stratford.

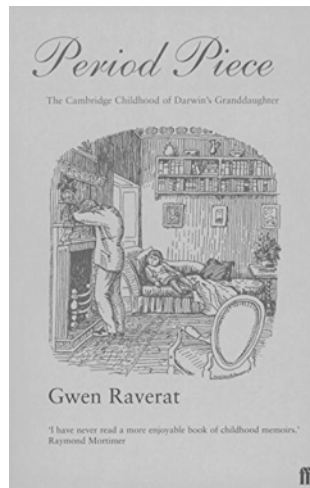
## Book Review

### Period Piece - The Cambridge Childhood of Darwin's Granddaughter

by Gwen Raverat

Gwen Raverat (1885-1957) was born 3 years after the death of her grandfather Charles Darwin, the naturalist who developed the theory of evolution. She became a talented artist and wood engraver. *Period Piece* is beautifully illustrated with her line drawings. The book is a memoir of her childhood in Cambridge and of her relatives in the 1890s. It has a circular shape as she bundles together her memories under headings (e.g. Uncles, Education, Ladies, Propriety).

The Darwins lived in Newnham Grange, Silver Street, Cambridge and in later life Gwen lived in the neighbouring Old Granary. Darwin College now occupies both buildings. Gwen began writing *Period Piece* when she was 62 and since its publication in 1952 it has never been out of print.



She writes about her family, society, fashion, social standards, games and religion. The writing style is full of humour - "Ladies did not do things themselves, they told other people what to do and how to do it". Religion - "the first religious experience that I can remember is getting under the nursery table to pray that the dancing mistress might be dead before we got to the Dancing Class". The book briefly mentions famous figures such as Vaughan Williams, E.M. Forster and Charles Darwin, but mostly it details Gwen Raverat's family background, middle class life in Cambridge at the end of the nineteenth

century, her role as a chaperone to courting couples and the Victorian view of propriety. Ill health was a feature of the Darwin family and there are many tales of treatments and precautions which support Gwen's suggestion that hypochondria was a family trait.

*Period Piece* was described as being "as delightful as its subject" by Frances Spalding in her biography of Gwen Raverat published by 2001. It is published by Faber. ISBN 0-571-06742-5.

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## Year 5 writing competition

The children were asked to write about a walk. Here is the winning story, written by Ruben Smith. Enjoy! And congratulations to Ruben.

One weekend in November we, that is me, my dad and mum, my little sister and our German Shepherd dog Ash, went to stay in a cottage in Elan Valley, Wales. On the Saturday mum suggested we go for a little walk. It was very windy, cold and kept threatening to rain, typical Welsh weather then. Mum got a picnic ready because me and my sister always get hungry as soon as we are out of the front door. We put on jumpers and waterproofs and wellies but I wore my shorts because I always do, and my steel toe caps.

We walked from the cottage to Pen y Garreg dam and along the edge of the reservoir. The Elan Valley is a series of dams and reservoirs that supply Birmingham with an average of 365 megalitres of water every day. The water travels along 118 kilometres of pipe just by force of gravity. The Elan dams were opened in 1904 by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. The last dam constructed, Claerwen, was opened in 1952 by Queen Elizabeth II as one of her first duties as monarch. Nearby there is also the ruins of a dam where they tested the bombs for the dambusters during the Second World War.

Mum's plan was to walk to the next dam which you can walk across to the other side of the reservoir, but I don't think she judged the distance quite right, because each time we came round a bend we thought we might see the dam to cross. We passed a huge wooden seat that was big enough for a giant to sit on, but still no dam in sight. Eventually we stopped for some food on a picnic table but the wind was too cold to stay sitting for long, so we set off again. The only other people about was the odd jogger and a few people on bikes. Dad started thinking we should turn back because the skies were looking greyer, but mum kept saying, "no the dam will be just around the next bend". At last it was, we were halfway, just needed to walk back up the other side of the reservoir to the cottage.

We walked across Garreg Ddu and the weather turned. It started to snow and hail so we tried to shelter under the trees until the worst had passed. On this side of the reservoir the path was more of a trail through woods and little wooden bridges over rushing streams because of the recent rain. My little sister, who was only four years old, was getting a bit tired by now but it would be further to turn round than carry on, so mum kept feeding us sweeties to keep our energy up.

The trail started to open up into fields where sheep were grazing, so mum kept a close lead on our dog. The fields started to get quite marshy and wooden boards were laid on the path for you to walk, so you didn't sink in the mud. Mum let me have a can of Coke and I led the way up to a gate. Unfortunately for me around the gate was a very boggy patch and I sank up to my knees. It was a bit of a shock. I dropped my can of Coke and it was cold and stinky. Maybe it was a plus I only had shorts on, at least I didn't have wet trousers flapping round my legs. I had a burst of speed on to get back to the cottage to get clean. There was another field with sheep in. I was moving so fast I think the sheep thought I was herding them. At last the cottage was in sight. I've never felt so relieved. I just had an overflowing stream to cross, which washed my boots off a bit, and I legged it to the cottage.

Dad started the wood-burner, and I jumped in the shower to get clean and warm. Mum rubbed the dog down to get her clean, she was awfully muddy. We settled down with a cup of tea and biscuits and mum says, "that was nearly 7 miles, just a short walk, shall we do that walk again tomorrow?" OH NO!

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We have put as much in here as space permits.  
 Events happening weekly are only shown for  
 the first month or so

# VILLAGE DIARY

## AUGUST

1	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
1	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
1	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
1	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
1	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
2	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
2	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
2	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
3	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
3	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
3	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
3	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
3	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
3	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
4	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
4	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
8	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
8	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
8	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
8	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
8	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
9	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
9	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
10	Wed	Copy date for September issue of USL Life		
10	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
10	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
10	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
10	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
10	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
10	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
10	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
11	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
11	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
13	Sat	Annual Pig Roast.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
15	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
15	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
15	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
15	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
15	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
16	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
16	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
16	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
17	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
17	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
17	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
17	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
17	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
17	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
17	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
18	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
18	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
18	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
22	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
22	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
22	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
22	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
22	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
23	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
23	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
24	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
24	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
24	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
24	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
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24	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
24	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
25	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
25	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
25	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
28	Sun	Cricket Club Six-a-side with bar and BBQ.....	Recreation Ground.....	11a.m.-7p.m.
29	Mon	August Bank Holiday		



30	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
30	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
30	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
31	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
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31	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

### SEPTEMBER

5	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
5	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
10	Sat	Copy Date for October issue of USL Life		
10	Sat	Upties St Leonards Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00p.m.
12	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
15	Thu	History Group – Chedworth Roman Villa.....	Village Hal.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
19	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
24	Sat	Jazz with the Glevum Big Band (see page 9).....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
26	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
26	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Trustees Meeting		
29	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
29	Thu	Ladies Probus.....	The Lasket and Gardens Lunch.....	8.45a.m.

### OCTOBER

2	Sun	Gnome Hunt.....	Village Hall.....	1.00-5.30p.m.
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
10	Mon	Copy date for November issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
17	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
26	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	1.00-4.00p.m.

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# Feature Article

## Manor Farm by Teresa Clarke

This month I visited another of Upton's historical gems, when I was kindly invited into the home of Jean Randall who has lovingly looked after the house, barn, gardens and surrounding 60 acres at Manor Farm for the past fifty-six years.

The farmhouse was built in the late seventeenth century. Amongst the many interesting features are the coursed,



squared, ashlar walls, ashlar chimneys and slate roof. Some rebuilding and enlargement took place in the early nineteenth century when the Jacobean revival porch was added.

To the North West is the cruck framed barn. This is fifteenth century with the addition of stables in the seventeenth century. The barn's A-frame is believed to have originated from a 13th century ship from Norfolk. The internal span of the barn is 8.2 m with original rafters and framing. To the South side are stone base walls with chamfered plinth and buttresses, with seven raised cruck trusses with very high cambered collars and circled bracing. It was possibly built as a Tithe Barn for Gloucester Abbey and is considered to be the finest example in the county.

Jean and her Mother shared an interest in Jersey cattle, and in 1978 'Heidi' won the Jersey championship at the Royal Agricultural Show. Her name remains immortalised above the stable she occupied from 1973 to 1984.

In 2001 Jean became interested in rare breeds and became the owner of a number of Exmoor ponies which came from Adam Henson's farm, followed by two Belted Galloway cattle in 2012.

Today much of Jean's time is devoted to her interest in conservation and her extensive rose garden.

Thank you Jean for a very informative visit to your delightful farmhouse, barn and garden.



# Nutty Badgers Take to the Water

With many of the Explorer Scout Unit leaders having obtained their paddle sport qualifications over the past 18 months, the unit had been borrowing equipment to allow the young people to experience water sports. Following a period of fundraising the Lady Downe Trust was approached and generously agreed to match funds raised. With these funds 4 new kayaks, paddles and equipment, along with instructor safety equipment were purchased.

So on a recent blustery Sunday, the kit along with several Explorers undertook their maiden trip. All successfully completed the Scouting stage badge for paddlesports.

Stewart Tedaldi

Explorer Scout Leader



Some Nutty Badgers in their new kayaks

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