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A panorama of the crowd at the Barn Dance (picture: Andy Russell)



The incompetent D.I. Twigg interviews the suspects, from the comedy whodunnit “Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders” performed by the Upstagers (picture: Jim Browne)



Only 38 days to go
THE UPTON SHOW
Sat 8 September

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more information
& some ideas

More pictures from the Barn
Dance and the Upstagers
inside

What's been happening in Upton ?

Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders

On Saturday 14th of July at 7.15 p.m. I took my seat in the Village Hall to experience the latest production by the UpStagers.

I wasn't expecting it to be a play that would hold my attention, not being a fan of Agatha Christie, but the words "Comedy Murder Mystery" sounded interesting.

I settled back as the lights dimmed. The curtains opened to reveal the interior of the village hall in the fictional village of Chortelby. As the story unfolds, various members of the committee are the victims of murder. But why? And by whom? Enter Chief Inspector Twigg, played by Martin Smith. He explains his theories, M-O-M, Motive, Opportunity and Means, that will quickly arrive at the apprehension of the murderer. Was it the Art Teacher? The Cleaning Lady? The Vicar? or Mandy, the sexy model?

And what about the rumours of a Viking hoard under the village hall floor?

By the interval I was intrigued and my money was on Harry the Caretaker. In Act 2, Agatha Crusty (pronounced Croosty), played by Jane Rogers, explains the possible motives for each of the remaining committee members. The inadequate Inspector, trying to take credit for each of Agatha's theories, finally expresses his appreciation of her powers of detection. Agatha then coerces Maisey, the cleaning lady, into a confession. Not to be outdone Chief Inspector Twigg adds "I can always smell a criminal".

An excellent choice of play superbly delivered by all the cast. Lovely humour in the story line written by David Webb and lovely touches by the Director, Keith Pearson,

in the choices of music that accompanied the scene changes.

Thanks to all the supporting crew: Lighting, Sound, Refreshments, Set construction, Box Office, Programme etc. Well done everybody, another excellent production.

Looking forward to the next one.

Teresa Clarke



The Vicar (Martin Atkins) and Agatha Crusty (Jane Rogers)



Harry the Caretaker (Graham Chisholm) being quizzed. Looks a dodgy character!


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UPTON WI

The speaker at our hot July meeting was Thomas Jenner-Fust, antiques dealer from Chorleys. (Incidentally he told us that an ancestor of his is the famous Doctor Edward Jenner of Berkeley.) Thomas spoke on individual objects that members had brought, giving dates, some history and estimates of their worth. It seems that at the moment small is precious and collectable. Miniature books on view could sell for £100 or more. Jewellery, rings, bracelets and trinkets are selling well, but large pieces of furniture and even some well known painters are out of vogue. And ivory, tiger claws, odd items like an imitation crown, items re-invented for a different use are "No-Go" and definitely not to be sold on the antique market. This very interesting talk was given a warm round of applause and a vote of thanks.*

The lunch club meeting at the Wagon and Horses was good, and there had been a skittles match against Gotherington WI (we lost by only 4 pins). More seriously we had feedback from the NFWI Annual meeting in Cardiff, where Mental Health issues featured prominently on the agenda. See the article below.

We meet again on Monday 6 August when it will be a "bring a friend pudding tasting evening"! Everyone will be made very welcome. Members are reminded that cakes are needed for the Upton Show on September 8.

Kathy Quant

* see the feature on Chorley's later in this magazine

National Federation of Womens Institutes (NFWI) - the Cardiff resolution

"Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health, and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness."

The resolution was passed with 98% of the vote.

The NFWI will be putting together a full campaign plan and action pack that will include background to the campaign as well as ideas for how members can take action.

BMI Summer Quiz - Report

There were 13 teams at our June quiz, and once again Eric our quizmaster managed to get our grey cells working!

The winners were the "Good Neighbours" with a total of 188 points. Together with a raffle on the night a total of £117.50 was raised towards the BMI charity for this year (see the panel to the right).

The autumn quiz will be on Saturday 22nd September.

TWYVER WI

Our speaker for the evening was Barbara Lorna Hudson and her talk was entitled 'Can you turn your life round at 60?'

Barbara was a social worker and academic, giving lectures to students on aspects of her work. She had what she thought was the best job and she had a very enjoyable career. However, having been tempted by early retirement, she began to wonder, "What is the point of me now? What would make my life more worthwhile? What would give my life more meaning?'

Barbara decided she would write a 'Best Seller', all about her life experiences. Sadly it didn't go anywhere. Her thoughts turned to -- men!

In spite of disapproving friends, she put an advertisement in the Guardian, hoping to meet like minded men. However this did not go very far and so she decided to try internet dating. Some advice she gave (just in case any of us wanted to try it!) was to have an up to date photo and to be honest about what you are looking for.

Barbara had some interesting liaisons with three different academics (she called them 'cold, old and perfect' respectively), a handsome man in medical research and an older man who brought along his dog and cat! - just to mention some.

The novel that came from her work and these experiences is called 'Timed out!' Needless to say, all names have been changed. Barbara concluded by reading an extract to us. She said that it is not a book of happy endings because life isn't like that but you can find meaning. Barbara gave up internet dating at 70 but is still writing short stories.

This was a very entertaining talk with lots of laughs.

Members were reminded that the Twyver W.I. class for the Village Show on Sept. 8th is a 'pin cushion'

There is no meeting in August. Our next meeting is on September 10, when our speaker is Claire Jenkins on 'Cotswold Riding for the Disabled'

Jackie Hunt

BMI Charity Giving

The two charities to benefit from BMI fundraising activities, such as the quizzes, for 2018-19, are both well known cancer concerns. One is **CLIC** and the other is **Prostate Cancer UK**.

Village Day

Publication deadlines meant that we had just one day after the Village Day in June to assemble pictures and some write-ups which appeared in the July issue before it went to the printer.

Inevitably, in the rush, we couldn't cover everything. In particular there was very little on the displays in the Church. Let's put that right!

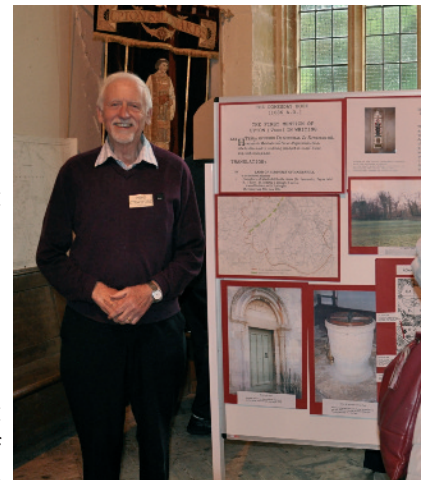
Flower Festival

The beautiful flower displays were all on the theme of "Super Heroes", naturally! They included displays commemorating St George, Florence Nightingale, Queen Elizabeth II, The Birchall Family, St Peter and the RNLI. The displays were the work of a team of ladies from the Village. Their hard work was appreciated by the many visitors on Saturday and Sunday. (The two pictures on this page of the flowers are from Richard Sugdon.)



History Exhibition

The History Exhibition showed the development of Upton using maps, old pictures and aerial photographs that showed how the village has grown. Visitors were interested to place their house in what was then a field. Pictures of villagers past and present



drew comments from visitors that added to the history. Also displayed were Flower Show documents from the past including a Second Prize Winning ticket from the 1901 show. The exhibition was staged on behalf of the Village History Group by Mike Stratford.

The money raised at the Village Day, about £3,000, was split between to the Church, the Playgroup and the Village Hall. See page 15 for pictures of cheques being handed over.

Village Day Thanks

A lot of people helped and organised, and any list we make to thank is bound to leave out someone by mistake, for which we apologise, but here's a list of some who deserve our thanks.

Organising committee: Carol Evans, Keith and Ann Pearson, Jim Browne, Sheila Thomas, Jackie & Duncan Lord, Tony Sharp, Mike Stratford, Michelle King.

Gifts and sponsorship from: The Salon, Gillmans, Mercure Bowden Hall, Hatton Court, Upton Builders, Weygang Opticians, Walls Ice Cream, Three Choirs Vinyard, Hortons Restaurant, Rococo Gardens, King's Head, Prinknash Abbey, Atkins Balloons, Portway Farm Shop, Morrisons, Tesco, Brewhouse & Kitchen, the Village Post Office.

Organisations: Guides, Playgroup, Twyver WI, Glos & Warwickshire Steam Railway, Upton Show, Football Club

People: Hazel Day & evening team, Lynn Garner, Joan & Ian Glendenning, Phil Hayes, Maureen Fineman, Sarah Davis, Darren Bourne, Deb Locke, Karen Morris, Mike Long and those who helped put up the tents.

Church Flower Festival: Rachel Hall, Jenny Cunningham, Ginny Ring, Meg James, Val James, Jackie Clouting, Pauline Fairbrother, Hazel Day, Julie Threlfall, Val Moore, Pam Tickner, Lesley Hemming.

History Exhibit: Mike Stratford

USL Ladies Probus Club - June meeting report

Our speaker in June was Yeoman Shaun McCormack who spoke about the history and organisation of Yeomen of the Guard, the official bodyguard of the Monarch. Not to be confused with the Yeomen Warders of the Tower of London, the company of the Yeomen of the Guard was created in 1485 by King Henry VII following the Battle of Bosworth as a reward to those loyal followers who protected him. It is the oldest military corps still in existence in the UK. It is open to retired members of the Royal Marines, Army, RAF and, since 2011, to the Royal Navy who have completed 22 years service and reached the rank of sergeant or equivalent. They must also have received the Long Service & Good Conduct Medal. There are about 60 members plus officers in the Company. The Yeomen receive a small payment for their attendance at about 30 ceremonial events each year, such as Maundy Thursday and searching the Houses of Parliament before Bonfire Night. Despite their name, there are two women joining the Guard soon.

Shaun brought his uniform and accessories along and we had the opportunity to handle the regalia. The uniform

is essentially Tudor in style but Shaun did admit to wearing modern hockey suspenders to hold up the red tights they have to wear. The metal thread embroidery and decoration on the jacket were very intricate and each insignia had a special meaning derived from historical events and the monarch of the day. Tradition and pageantry play an important part in the present day organisation of the Guard. For example, two members of the Guard have the wonderful titles of Yeoman Bed Goer and Yeoman Bed Hanger. These date from the time of Henry VII when their purpose was to ensure the King had a comfortable bed wherever he went. Today they have administrative roles. Shaun is one of only three semi-retired Yeomen who give talks and is contemplating retirement having given over 500 talks in recent years. We felt lucky to hear his first hand account and learn about this venerable company.

Our meeting in August is a walk to be arranged by Penny Owen.

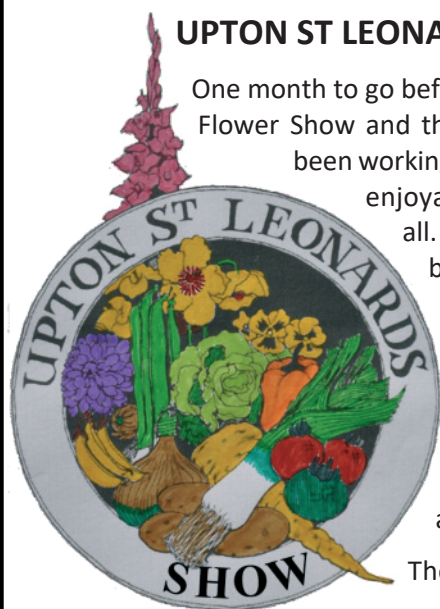
Chris Ellson

What's coming up . . .

On Saturday 8 September it's the . . .

UPTON ST LEONARDS SHOW

One month to go before Upton's Annual Flower Show and the committee have been working hard to make it an enjoyable afternoon for all. We are hoping for better weather than the last two years and as ever we will be entertained by the Cotswold Big Band playing its variety of tunes and songs.



The Marquee will house more of the exhibits this year

and we are hoping that the dry, hot sunny weather will not affect the entries too much. Please look at the show schedule once again, available online* or from the Village Store or from Peter Macey.

Don't forget the large junior section which could help to engage our youngsters through the summer holidays. We need everyone's support to keep this traditional

Show thriving so if anyone can help on the day let Peter know.

If everyone had a bash at 6 entries we will have a bumper Show. Ever tried making Millionaire's Shortbread or Gloucestershire Lardy cake? Well, its in the schedule. Never entered the veg section? There's a Novice prize each year so have a go! Is craftwork or photography your thing? There are all sorts of challenges for you.

We hope to see you on Saturday 8 September 2-4.30pm Village Hall and grounds. Usual refreshments and hot dogs with side stalls as well. What's not to like?

* <http://uptonstleonardsshow.com>

Upton St Leonards Show

The BMI Annual Pig Roast



**Saturday 11th August
7.30pm**

- Good Food
- + Good Drink
- + Good Company
- = A good night for everyone !!



Come along & join the party !!

BMI AUTUMN QUIZ

for members and signed in guests

Saturday 22 September
At 8pm

£1.25 per person for teams of up to 6
(MINIMUM £5 for teams of up to 4)

All profit on the night to be donated to the
BMI charity for 2018-19
CLIC AND PROSTATE CANCER UK

Please add your name to the booking sheet
by Thursday 20 September to ensure that
there are sufficient tables set out and
copies of quiz sheets.




Jenny's
BBQ to
raise
money
for



This BBQ is on Saturday 4 August from 12 to 3pm at Jenny Cunningham's house. The money will go towards "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes, which sends the boxes filled with small goodies to the very poorest children in various parts of the world at Christmas.

Call Jenny if you would like to attend. Bring your own drink and a donation for the Shoebox Appeal.

Pre-loved Teddies needed!

It's time for a sort out and to say goodbye to all of those teddies gathering dust. If you have any pre loved teddies or other soft toys that are no longer wanted, we would love to find them a new home through our teddy tombola stall at the USL Show in September.



All proceeds from this stall are equally split between the National Star College & towards the running costs of the show.

Thank you

Dom & Jacqui Everiss

Blue tits in the cigarette ash

Readers may remember a couple of years ago we reported that a family of blue tits were nesting in the cigarette bin outside the pavilion. This year was the fourth consecutive year they made a home in it and we can report that they fledged their young successfully (again).

In an effort to get them away from this not so desirable home, a blue tit box was put up near the cigarette bin, but to no avail, they ignored it.

Arts Page

As August is the month of holidays, we are considering "FARAWAY PLACES WITH STRANGE SOUNDING NAMES".

Samuel Taylor Coleridge was staying in a farmhouse at Nether Stowey between Linton and Porlock in September 1797. He fell asleep after reading about XANADU, the summer palace of the Emperor of China, Kublai Khan. He dreamt vividly (opium had been taken), woke and was writing down his dream when he was called away by "a person on business from Porlock" who detained him for an hour. Subsequently he could remember very little of his dream. The poem below is the result of the dream and his effort to remember it.

Kubla Khan or A Vision in a Dream

In XANADU did Kubla Khan
A stately pleasure dome decree:
Where ALPH, the sacred river, ran
Through caverns measureless to man
Down to a sunless sea.
So twice five miles of fertile ground
With walls and towers were girdled round:
And here were gardens bright with sinuous rills
Where blossomed many an incense-bearing tree;
And here were forests ancient as the hills,
Enfolding sunny spots of greenery.

Through wood and dale the sacred river ran,
Then reached the caverns measureless to man,
And sank in tumult to a lifeless ocean:
And 'mid this tumult Kubla heard from far
Ancestral voices prophesying war!

The shadow of the dome of pleasure
Floated midway on the waves;
Where was heard the mingled measure
From the fountain and the caves.

It was a miracle of rare device,
A sunny pleasure-dome with caves of ice!

NOT EVERYBODY APPRECIATES TRAVEL

King George V famously stated "Abroad is bloody, I know, I have been there". When asked to pay a state visit to Holland, he spoke of "Amsterdam, Rotterdam and all the other Dams - damned if I'll do it!"

VENICE - Robert Benchley, American Journalist, sent a telegram from Venice to his editor at the New York Times in 1958, "STREETS FULL OF WATER. ADVISE".

Romance by W J Turner (1889-1946)

When I was but thirteen or so
I went into a golden land,
CHIMBORAZO, COTOPAXI
Took me by the hand.

My father died, my brother too,
They passed like fleeting dreams,
I stood where POPOCATAPETL
In the sunlight gleams.

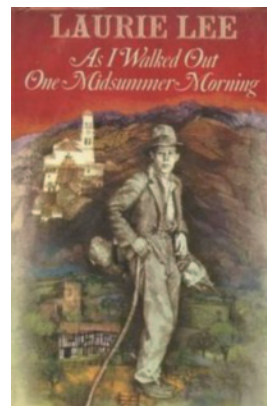
I dimly heard the master's voice
And boys far off at play,
CHIMBORAZO, COTOPAXI
Had stolen me away.

I walked in a great golden dream
To and fro from school
Shining POPOCATAPETL
The dusty streets did rule.

I walked home with a gold dark boy
And never a word I'd say,
CHIMBORAZO, COTOPAXI
Had taken my speech away.

I gazed entranced upon his face
Fairer than any flower
O shining POPOCATAPETL
It was thy magic hour:

The houses, people, traffic seemed
Thin fading dreams by day:
CHIMBORAZO, COTOPAXI
They had stolen my soul away!



Have you read "As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning" by Laurie Lee from Slad? Published in 1969, this is the moving follow-up to "Cider With Rosie". Abandoning Slad, the young Laurie Lee walks to London and, deciding to travel further, he heads for Spain. He spends a year crossing Spain, playing his violin and labouring to make a living. Only the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 puts an end to his extraordinary wanderings. This book is highly recommended by your Arts Page team. ISBN 8601 1404 208805

The Spotted Orchid

A new poem by Ted Gardener

If you've walked the paths of Upton
Where the silent Twyver flows,
You may have noticed in the bank-side grass
There the Spotted Orchid grows.

There are many who will not see it,
'Tis a shade of softest mauve,
Tiny flowers on an upright stem
And leaves speckled with burnished gold.

It's a plant that you may walk straight past,
And never know it's there,
But its perfume is sweet and gentle,
And hangs in the evening air.

There are several plants in this family,
Named after frogs or bees;
The Pyramid and the Marsh orchid.,
But the Spotted's prettier than these.

There is one plant that I speak of,
Of which I am very fond;
Blooms every year in a little pot
By my garden pond.

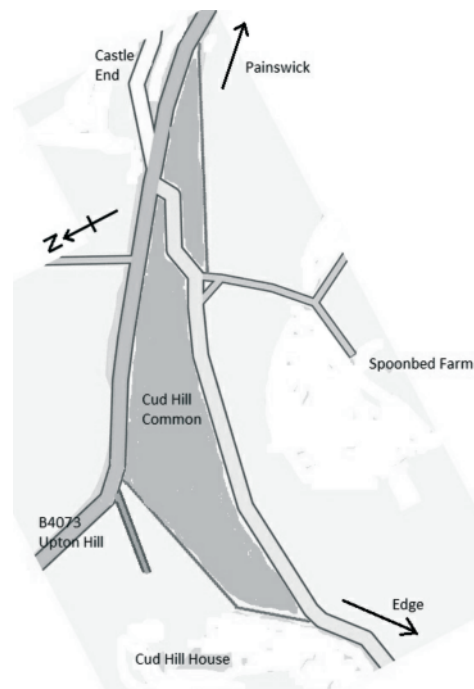
(Orchidaceae Dactylorhiza Fuchsii)

The drawings were also done by Ted, the lower picture
being one of the little florets that make up the flower.



Cud Hill

Now is a great time of year to go up to Cud Hill, admire the view and look for the orchids, including the Common Spotted Orchid written about by Ted. There are plenty there, and also Pyramid Orchids and other varieties, though the show is not quite as good this year as it was last year.



Cud Hill Common is at the top of the road to Painswick, just before the Beacon, on the right. Take the little road to the right (towards Edge) and park along there.

Village Improvements - Benches

The Parish Council wants to place a couple of benches on the patio area outside the Pavilion building. This will provide some useful seating for people who are watching sporting events or just a resting point while using the Recreation Ground.

It looks like the price will be about £500 each. If anyone is interested in making a contribution to a bench, e.g. in memory of someone, please contact Roy Balgobin, Parish Clerk, on 621688 or uslclerk@btinternet. The Council will be looking to install the benches this month if possible.

HEALTHY LIVING GROUP

We had a very successful meeting in July, but some missed out because of the football. Everyone wanted to meet again on September 12, so save the date in your diary. We welcome new members, do let me know if you can join us. Millie Barnes.

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Priest in charge:	Rev. Clodagh Ingram <i>Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to Wednesday</i>
Curate:	Rev. James Turk <i>Please note that due to James' work commitments, calls, texts and emails will be answered evenings and weekends</i>

You will be very welcome at all of our services

Church Calendar for August

Sun 5	8.00 am	Holy Communion service
	10.00 am	Celebration Service
Mon 6	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 7	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 8	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 12	10.00 am	Communion Service
Mon 13	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 14	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 15	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 19	10.00 am	Communion Service
	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise
Mon 20	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 21	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 22	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 26	10.00 am	Communion Service
	4.00 pm	Word and Worship
Mon 27	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tues 28	9.30 -9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50-12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 29	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer

On a very hot Monday morning, fifty-six Year 1 children walked the bridleway from their school in Coopers Edge to Upton St Leonard's Church.

They were on a day out in the country which was to include a visit to a special building and a picnic lunch. We were looking forward to sharing with them something of what it means to be a Christian and the activities that take place at St Leonard's Church. We were delighted to tell them about Jesus and the difference he makes to our lives.

After a nice cold drink and a biscuit the children were put into groups of ten and there were six 'stations' in the Church that they all visited over the course of an hour.



At the station I was involved in with Beth, we discussed with the children the light and the darkness and how letting Jesus into our lives brought colour. Following our discussion the children were given crosses made of black paper which when scratched with an instrument brought all sorts of colours through and they were encouraged to make a design on their cross, which they took away with them. It was great to see how many different designs they came up with. (Continued over the page)



Happy 70th Birthday to the NHS

Songs of Praise Service

19th August @ 6.00 pm

Invite someone you know who works for the NHS to come along and join us as we give thanks for the NHS and pray for its future.



St. Leonard's Church News

Website: www.uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk



Revd Clodagh writes

Sometimes we forget to be grateful and we take things for granted. The celebrations for the 70th Birthday of the NHS took place this week and it made me pause for a moment and consider all the health care myself and four generations of our family have received over the past seventy years. The NHS is a massive institution but I was thinking about all the individuals who have made a difference to our lives: doctors, nurses, paramedics, radiologists, technicians, midwives, health visitors, health care assistants, surgeons, pediatricians, oncologists, radiologists, phlebotomists, scientists, pharmacists, dentists, administrators, receptionists, palliative care specialists and porters. I do not know everyone's name but I am thankful for each one of them and for their expertise and their care.

The NHS is an extraordinary gift. I know that it is not free and that it is funded through our taxation but it is still a gift, none the less. The NHS is embedded into the infrastructure of our country and it has changed all of our lives for the better. The NHS was created out of the ideal that good healthcare should be available to all, regardless of wealth.

Our NHS is a sign of God's Kingdom at work in the world. In God's Kingdom everyone including the poorest, most vulnerable and isolated people are restored to wholeness and that's what our NHS endeavours to do. Irrespective of who we are or what we do we are entitled to receive free medical care at our point of need.

We know there are enormous challenges facing the NHS at the present time and there are real concerns about how it will continue into the future so this summer seems like a good time to stop and give thanks for our NHS and to pray for its future wellbeing. So join us at 6.00 pm on the evening of Sunday 19th August for a Songs of Praise Special Service. Come along and invite the people you know who work or have worked for the NHS to gather together with us so that we can give thanks for the NHS and pray for its future.

Clodagh

Coopers Edge School visit continued . . .

The five other stations were: Baptism at the Font; a quiet prayer area and a time to talk about prayer; a performance from the Open the Book team with actors playing out a Bible story; Communion and thinking about Jesus' words "Remember Me"; and a station manned by our Bell Tower Captain Charlie who rings the bells at church. He and a colleague also rang the bell to welcome the children into church and when they left to have a picnic on the village green he played them out as well.

On reflection I found the morning most interesting as it was the first time I had been involved. I thoroughly enjoyed the children's company, and found the whole exercise invigorating.

Gill Howell



Members of St Leonard's and St Philip and St James Hucclecote supported the Pulsar Games run at Coopers Edge School on one of the hottest days of the summer so far. The theme of the morning was Perseverance which everyone, young and old alike demonstrated, in the circumstances!

The Barn Dance . . .

. . . was of course a Church event, see pictures and a report on page 13

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On Saturday 30 June twenty members of our Parish Church attended the Cathedral Service to witness the Ordination of James, our Curate to the Priesthood.

A very happy occasion, saddened by the absence of Clodagh due to illness, the very one responsible for most of James' training over the past year. The Bishop's Chaplain arranged for Rachel Hall, one of our two Churchwardens to present James to Bishop Rachel. It was also pleasing to note that James' younger son, Josh, took part, reading the prayers, alongside family members of others being priested that afternoon. Dave Knight, Jenny Cunningham and Rachel were invited to help distribute communion.

On Sunday 1 July James led both the 8am and 10am Communion Services, during which he was presented with a personal stole; his wife Sarah was presented with a bouquet and thanked for sharing James with the congregation of St Leonard's throughout the past year. The service was followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch to which sixty three people gathered and shared fellowship.

Trevor Hall

A stole is an outward sign of priestly ministry, worn when leading services. Stoles can be white, green, red, or purple in colour and the colour relates to the season of the Church's year. We presented James with a green stole which is worn for most Sundays of the year. The three fish embroidered on each end of the stole are a reminder of the threefold nature of our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and of the three fold nature of Priesthood; sacramental, relational and leadership.

Clodagh



Photo: Roy Roberts



On Sunday 8th July Rev Ingram led 39 parishioners in a service of Remembrance in St Leonard's Churchyard to remember loved ones laid to rest there. Readings and prayers were said on a very hot July afternoon at various shaded locations around the churchyard. Picture shows everyone gathered under the welcome shade of the largest and oldest (English Yew) tree in the churchyard.

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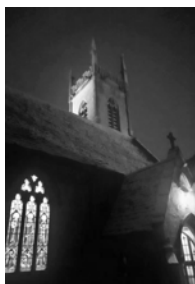


St. Leonard's Church News

Website: www.uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

Tower Floodlighting

The family of the late Janet Johnson sponsored the lighting of the Church Tower on the nights of the 17th and 18th July - the 17th on the occasion of her birthday and the 18th marking six months since she passed away.



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

If you or your family would like to have the Church Tower Floodlights lit to celebrate a special event such as a birthday/anniversary/ Baptism or in remembrance of a loved one please contact Jenny Cunningham for more details.

There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to gift to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation this will help us too. Please note that the deadline of the Church News is the 10th of the preceding Month.

Bell Ringers Practice Night



Every Wednesday Evening
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Who's who at the Parish Church

Priest in Charge:
Rev Clodagh Ingram

*Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to
Wednesday*

Curate:
Rev James Turk

*Please note due to James's work commitments, calls, texts
and emails will be answered evenings and weekends*

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Dates for your Diary

Every Wed	Bell ringing Practice 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Sun 19 th Aug	Songs of Praise Service 6.00 pm
Sat 15 th Sept	Brass Band Concert , Abbeydale Community Centre

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The Barn Dance!

What a great success! More than 300 people attended, making this one of the biggest Upton events away from the Village Day / Village Show for many years. Yet there seemed to be plenty of space for dancing, eating, drinking and socialising for everyone. It was without question an all age event from a babe in arms to village elders and every age in between.

The Barn Dance was the result of a conversation between Keith Robbins (Church warden) and Andrew Herring many months back, when they were discussing the state of the church roof and the repairs needed on it. A huge vote of thanks to the Herrings for hosting the event, providing a band of willing workers, a superb location (a number of people commented on never having attended a Barn Dance in an actual barn before) and excellent food!

Lots of Church members also helped to organise and serve at the event. A very big thank you to the volunteers who helped make this special fund raising event happen, also to everyone who came along and joined in the dancing. The whole event was superbly organised, and from those of us just attending and enjoying the evening, it worked like clockwork.

The band "Hetty Pegler's Tump" played in the early evening and provided the caller for the dancing. Later on, the Rock band "Freefall" took over, with Revd James Turk on keyboard.



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We will remember them . . .

Today we are of course aware that the centenary of the end of WW1 is only 4 months away, but history tells us there were still hideous numbers of casualties occurring on both sides right up to the very minute of the cease-fire on 11 November 1918. So it was that 100 years ago in the month of August 1918, another Upton family heard of the tragic death of their son.

Lionel Arthur Jackson

Lionel was born in 1899, and lived with his parents in Winnycroft Cottages, Upton St Leonards. He was a Patrol Leader in the 13th Gloucester Scouts, formed in 1916 by the Rev Fox Harvey. Their meetings were held upstairs at Juns House in the High Street and the Scouts were encouraged to join the Army when they were old enough. Lionel duly joined up and served as a Private in the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

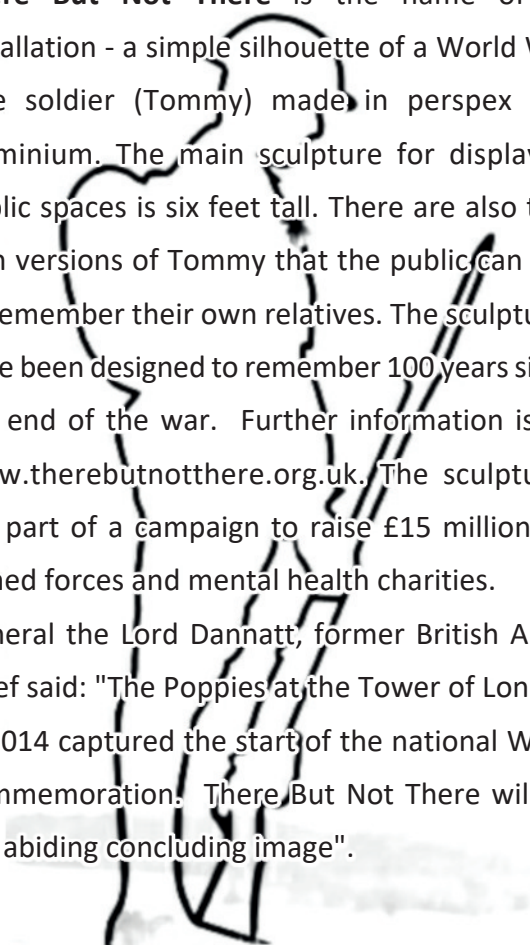
He was killed, aged 19, on 26 August 1918 at the start of the Battle of Arras, part of the final British offensive to drive the Germans back in that area. He is buried in Peronne Road Cemetery, Mericourt, France.

This isn't the last WWI death in the Village's Roll of Honour - we will be remembering others in each of the next two months before at last we record the centenary of the end of the fighting.

Something to consider for the Village, to mark the centenary of the end of WW1:

There But Not There is the name of an installation - a simple silhouette of a World War One soldier (Tommy) made in perspex and aluminium. The main sculpture for display in public spaces is six feet tall. There are also ten-inch versions of Tommy that the public can buy to remember their own relatives. The sculptures have been designed to remember 100 years since the end of the war. Further information is on www.therebutnotthere.org.uk. The sculptures are part of a campaign to raise £15 million for armed forces and mental health charities.

General the Lord Dannatt, former British Army Chief said: "The Poppies at the Tower of London in 2014 captured the start of the national WW1 Commemoration. There But Not There will be the abiding concluding image".



School Year 2 Choir

In our June issue we had a short announcement about the Upton St Leonards Primary School Year 2 Choir Success at Cheltenham. Here we have a bit more detail and a picture of them sent to us by Melanie Cordall, the Deputy Head Teacher at the school

Melanie writes: "We travelled in the sunshine to Cheltenham filled with anticipation and excitement to

take part in the Infant choir section of the Performing Arts Festival. Cheltenham Town Hall was packed as ten choirs took part and friends and families supporting us had to watch from upstairs in the gallery. The adjudicator talked about how well all the choirs had done and then talked about a choir that had taken her on a magical journey and announced us the winners!! We are extremely proud of all of our brilliant Year 2 singers."



A special thank you to Mrs Cordall for organising this event and to Sheila Thomas who accompanied the choir so beautifully on the day and in the practices.

The choir then performed at a school assembly and in a special service in Upton Church on Sunday 17 June (Community Sunday) in celebration of the local community.

The picture shows the choir with Mrs Cordall and Mrs Thomas.

PS - we are planning to have more from and about the school in future issues of USL Life.

Spotlight on . . .

Upton Builders

The company was founded over thirty years ago by Dean Peart who lived in Churchfield Road. Dean has six children, three girls, three boys, who all went to the Village School. They are adults now, and all have become involved in the business, so it is a true family firm. The boys Jason, Glyn and Owen have become full partners. The company's portfolio has gradually built up over the years and they are now a major building company in the area. You may have seen their sign at the Quays development area - the new Premier Inn, Costa Coffee, Brewers Fayre complex and luxury apartments at Provender Mill and Bakers Quay where they are the principal building contractors.

Jodean (Dean's daughter) and Laura (his daughter-in-law) run the office. The "office" used to be the garage at the house in Churchfield Road, but when Estate Agent Tanya Walters moved out of the premises next to the Post Office, Upton Builders seized the opportunity to have a real office, right next to the house in Churchfield Road where it all started.



Dean and Jodean on site

Some of the family members got together to buy the plot next to the Post Office, and Upton Builders are erecting the new house on it. They have more recently purchased the whole of the Post Office block. Dean calls his three daughters and his daughter-in-law "The Four Roses", and this could become the name for this particular enterprise. If you look at the new house you will see on the rear gable four carved stone roses.

Upton Builders and the Four Roses are keen to be involved in the Village - they will be supporting events, and smartening up the area round the shops, for example.

If you should require help or advice on building services, do contact the office and Jodean or Laura will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Web: www.uptonbuilders.co.uk and on facebook



Village Day 2018

The first picture shows Keith Pearson presenting a cheque for £1000

to Revd Clodagh Ingram, and in the second picture a further cheque for £1,000 is presented to Michelle King of the Playgroup, by Village Day organiser Carol Evans. The Village Hall also received a cheque for the same amount.

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Spotlight on . . .

This is a second "spotlight" on another Village business.



Auctioneers

Chorley's was set up in 2006 using space in the restaurant and pottery block at Prinknash, vacated when the pottery closed down.

The site is magnificent. Quiet, great views, with two spacious salerooms and of course ample parking and the Café.

Despite the tranquil setting, this is an international business, with auctions streamed live on the internet and bids coming in from all over the globe.

The company says: "While embracing technology, we have not neglected traditional values or forgotten the importance of courtesy in our relationship with clients. The majority of items still come for sale from private sources and, even in these straitened times, there is a hunger among buyers for fresh-to-the-market objects of good quality and provenance.

Too many provincial auctioneers have crowded salerooms where fine antiques jostle with boxes of prints, tailors dummies and old brass bedsteads. Stacked in heaps, it is the way things have been done for years and makes a wonderfully Dickensian spectacle; however, despite the outward charm, stacking it high often leads to selling it low. It is also disheartening for vendors to see their treasured item stuffed in among many others on a shelf, making them reluctant to sell further items. At Chorley's saleroom, room settings show each item to its best advantage and buyers are able to see an item's potential as part of a wider decorative scheme, often prompting them to bid on items they might have

overlooked in a cramped saleroom."

Auctions take place every other month at least. While this newsletter was being printed Chorley's had their July event themed around the "Country House". The next sale is on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 September: Art & Antiques/Asian Art.



Intrigued? Do go and have a look. You might find that something just right for you, or you may realise Chorley's is spot on for getting a good price for your unused but fine necklace / table / picture etc.

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The picture shows one of the salerooms.



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We have put as much in here as space permits.
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VILLAGE DIARY

AUGUST

1	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10 00-12 00pm
1	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI	8 00pm
1	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 30pm
1	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower	7 30-9 00pm
2	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9 30-10 15am
2	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 30-10 30am
2	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6 00pm
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10 00-11 30am
6	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI	10 00-12 00pm
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12 15-1 45m
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	5 30pm
6	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6 00-7 00pm
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-10 00pm
7	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
7	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 45-12 15pm
7	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11 00-12 00pm
7	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8 30-10 30pm
8	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	BMI	10 00am
8	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10 00-12 00pm
8	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI	8 00pm
8	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 30pm
8	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....	7 30-9 00pm
9	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9 30-10 15am
9	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall.....	9 30-10 30am
9	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6 00pm
10	Fri	Copy Date for September Issue of USL Life		
11	Sat	Annual Pig Roast.....	BMI.....	7 30pm
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10 00-11 30am
13	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI	10 00-12 00pm
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12 15-1 45pm
13	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6 00-7 00pm
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6 30pm
14	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with brown bins		
14	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 45-12 15pm
14	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	BMI	10 00-12 00pm
14	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11 00-12 00pm
14	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8 30-10 30pm
15	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10 00-12 00pm
15	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI	8 00pm
15	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 30pm
15	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....	7 30-9 00pm
16	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9 30-10 15am
16	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 30-10 30am
16	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6 00pm
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10 00-11 30am
20	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI	10 00-12 00pm
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12 15-1 45pm
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6 30pm
20	Mon	Abbeylea Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 45pm
21	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
21	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 45-12 15pm
21	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11 00-12 00pm
21	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4 00-5 00pm
21	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8 30-10 30pm
22	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10 00-12 00pm
22	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2 00-4 00pm
22	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI	8 00pm
22	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 30pm
22	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....	7 30-9 00pm
23	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9 30-10 15am
23	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 30-10 30am
23	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6 00pm
27	Mon	August Bank Holiday		
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10 00-11 30am
27	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI	10 00-12 00pm
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12 15-1 45pm
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6 30pm
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 00-9 00pm
28	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with brown bins		
28	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 45-12 15pm
28	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11 00-12 00pm

29	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10 00-12 00pm
29	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI	8 00pm
29	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 30pm
29	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....	7 30-9 00pm
30	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9 30-10 15am
30	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9 30-10 30am
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2 30-4 30pm
30	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6 00pm

Regular weekly events are not listed below this line

SEPTEMBER

3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7 30pm
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-10 00pm
8	Sat	Upton Show.....	Village Hall	2 00pm
10	Mon	Copy Date for October issue of USL Life.....		
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-10 00pm
17	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 45pm
20	Thu	History Group - The Churchyard of the Church.....	Village Hall.....	7 45-9 15pm
22	Sat	Autumn Quiz.....	BMI	8 00pm
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 00-9 00pm
24	Mon	Lady Downe Charity.....	School.....	7 30pm
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2 30-4 30pm

OCTOBER

1	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7 30pm
1	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-10 00pm
8	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-10 00pm
10	Wed	Copy Date for November issue of USL Life		
15	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 30-9 45pm
20	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	BMI	8 00pm
22	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7 00-9 00pm
25	Thu	Get Together Club - Sausage and Mash.....	Village Hall.....	1 00-4 00pm

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary

Rubbish & recycling collection dates (Tuesdays) up to Christmas

31 Jul	Rubbish & food waste	2 Oct	Recycling & food waste	4 Dec	Rubbish & food waste
7 Aug	Recycling & food waste	9 Oct	Rubbish & food waste	11 Dec	Recycling & food waste
14 Aug	Rubbish & food waste	16 Oct	Recycling & food waste	18 Dec	Rubbish & food waste
21 Aug	Recycling & food waste	23 Oct	Rubbish & food waste		
28 Aug	Rubbish & food waste	30 Oct	Recycling & food waste		
4 Sep	Recycling & food waste	6 Nov	Rubbish & food waste		
11 Sep	Rubbish & food waste	13 Nov	Recycling & food waste		
18 Sep	Recycling & food waste	20 Nov	Rubbish & food waste		
25 Sep	Rubbish & food waste	27 Nov	Recycling & food waste		

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Fifty Years on the Green

Late on a Monday morning I saw a group of lively old girls laughing and chatting on their way home from the Coffee Club. Always on the lookout for an article I asked if any of them would tell us about their life in Upton. Great protestations followed but persistency paid off and the upshot is this interview with Ethel Gilroy, because, her friends said, 'she is the last of the original house-owners in Woodland Green' and so, 'best placed' to remember.

C. Let's start at the beginning Ethel, tell us why you came to Upton?

Ethel. We used to live in Gloucester and at weekends my husband would take our children, we had eight, for walks in the countryside. The walk to Upton was along Painswick Road, up The Wheatridge for a stroll around the village and return via Upton Lane. In those days there was no motorway, no Abbeydale or Abbeymead, just open country for miles. Our dream was to have a house in the countryside so when we saw the development begin in Woodland Green we started saving to to buy a house there.

C. Do you remember the date you moved in?

Ethel. Yes, it was November 1966. I remember it well for our youngest was just two years and two weeks. In those days the builders completed one house at a time so it was a year after we chose the plot that we moved in. Some weekends we'd walk to Upton to see how the work was progressing, it was very exciting watching our house grow.

C. So what was The Green like in 1966?

Ethel. Woodland Green was full of families and ours was the largest. In the beginning there was no motorway so most of the noises were of children playing. The boys played football in the field behind us, or took themselves off to the Playing Field. The girls played at the front; skipping was popular but they made up their own games and danced and sang as well.

C. Apart from household chores, what did the mums do?

Ethel. We were always busy! Most of us knitted and sewed. We had coffee in each other's houses a couple of times a week; we didn't miss a chance to celebrate and we joined in the village events as well. Some of us visited the BMI Club, which was 'Men Only'; husbands bought drinks in the Bar then took them to the Lounge where the wives were allowed. We had Scouts and WI and I was involved in Brownies. The mums took turns at the Playgroup on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Whoever's turn it was to 'do' the playgroup, the children would go to that house and all would troop up to the Village Hall together. On Playgroup days the local bus company laid on a special bus so the mums could spend the whole morning in Gloucester and return to the village in time to collect the children.

C. You mentioned Brownies, tell us how you were involved.

Ethel. I was a Guider before we came here. When I discovered there was an Upton Brownie Group I gave up WI and helped with Brownies. For 20 years I was Commissioner for Guides at Matson, Upton and Hucclecote. I still belong to the Trefoil Guild for retired guiders. At Brownies we played games and helped the children get Brownie Badges. Summer Camp was the highlight, everyone including the grown-ups enjoyed themselves, lighting fires in the open and singing songs. There were few difficulties, mostly pranks but they never amounted to much; my son and his friend told the dinner ladies that they didn't get fed at home so they always got extra helpings!

C. What do you remember most about your years in Upton?

Ethel. The friendships, we women supported each other and welcomed newcomers, I knew most of my neighbours on The Green. Looking back there seemed to be lots of laughter and it was wonderful watching all the children from The Green growing up and making friendships, just like we did.

C. Fast forward to now Ethel, how do you find Upton life in 21st century?

Ethel. First I don't want to live anywhere else, my memories are here. The best things for me now are the Monday Morning Coffee Club and the magazine. On Mondays I see old friends and make new ones. It can be very noisy because some of us are a little deaf and a few of us are very deaf but everybody enjoys themselves! I look forward to the magazine to see what's happened and what's going to happen.

Thank you Ethel and for sharing your memories of Upton. Many times in your recollections you mentioned John, your husband of 66 years, 'a devoted husband and father'. Here is the last picture taken of you together at a granddaughter's wedding in 2015.

Christina Caldwell



BMI Ladies Ascot Trip



On June 21, which was, appropriately, Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot, a coachful of Upton people dressed up for a trip organised by Paula Quinn. A great time was had by all! Huge thanks to Paula. Pictures courtesy of Sally Ponting

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