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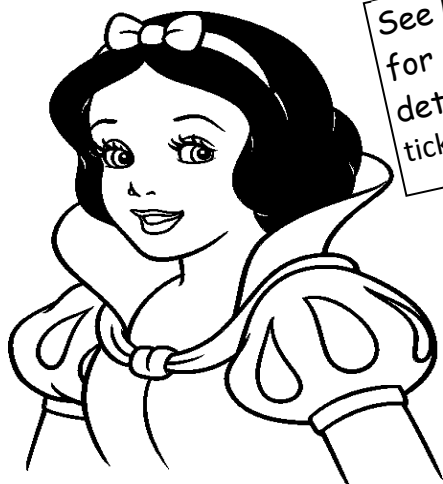
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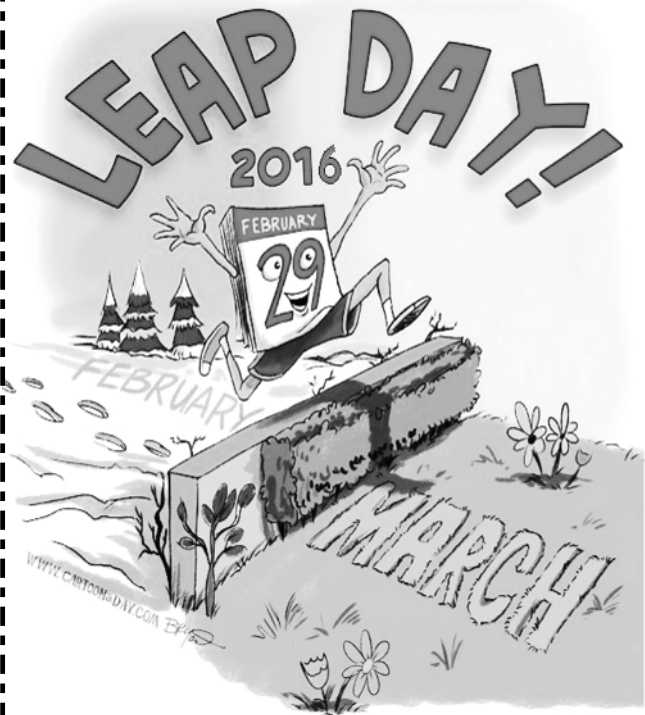
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"Bring the kids, the grand kids or just yourself !"



See Page 6
for more
details,
tickets, etc!

OH YES IT IS!



Brief history of the Leap Day

Leap Days are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.2422 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun. If we didn't add a day on February 29 nearly every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days in relation to the seasons.

Coming of Age

Did you know that many countries have laws defining which date a person born on February 29 comes of age in legal terms? In some countries such as New Zealand, the official birthday falls on February 28 in common years; in other countries like the United Kingdom, Leap Year babies have to wait until March 1.

The current copy of each Newsletter and all previous editions can be found on our website

<http://www.usllife.co.uk>

Letters to the Editor



NEW GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE - BUYER BEWARE!

This new garden waste collection is being rolled out, with residents being invited to purchase their own brown wheelee bins.

Reading the leaflet (distributed by Stroud District Council) that I recently picked up in the village Post Office about the service, residents may wish to note that the current green coloured waste recycling bin has a 240 litre capacity, holding 1/3rd more than the new 180 litre brown bin for garden waste mentioned on page 3 of the leaflet.

Our neighbouring councils provide the larger 240 litre bins for garden waste collection, with a comparable annual service charge, but no initial purchase cost.

I have reservations about the adequacy of a 180 litre bin as part of a fortnightly collection service, given the flexibility of the current year round weekly green bag facility the new scheme will replace.

Having spoken briefly to a few USL residents, who generally share my concerns and were not aware of the smaller bin capacity, I have raised the issues, with suggestions to make minor scheme modifications, to our District Councillor, who will raise this with Stroud District Council.

Gerald Buck

Volunteering



The USL Life Team Extends a Warm Welcome to

Paul Rosewell

We have great pleasure in welcoming Paul to the Newsletter Team as a new Director. With Paul's extensive business and community work experience, he will be a considerable asset as we move forward, helping to make sure we continue to produce our newsletter for the village and hopefully improve what we do.

See page 19 for a brief article by Paul.

Dear Editor

I am writing on behalf of Festomane, the week long series of events celebrating Engineering and Manufacturing in Stroud and surrounding communities. More information on all the events is available at www.festomane.co.uk, but in the meantime I would be grateful if you would draw the attention of your residents to the Exhibition to be held at

Stratford Park Leisure Centre. We believe this will appeal to both older and younger folk with a mix of interesting items to discover. Meet the engineering greats Edwin Budding and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, test yourself with the Fantastic Plastic quiz, join Tim Peake's 'Space to Earth' Challenge, make a talking robot head,

learn CV writing skills, plus lots more at **Festomane's 'Creation & Innovation Revealed' exhibition on Monday 17th February at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, 10am – 6pm. And it's all free of charge.**

*Thank you
Will Foster
on behalf of Festomane Ltd, a registered charity.*

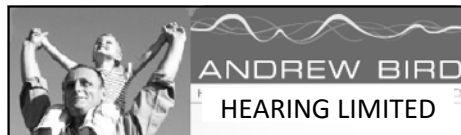
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What's been happening in Upton?

It was all going so well until.....

This was the set first line of each story for the children at Upton Primary who wanted to participate in our writing competition. The idea behind this challenge was to encourage and motivate literacy. Reading and writing as we know, are the most important and fundamental skills we learn to equip us for life, and they don't always come easily.



Children's imaginations often know no bounds and

this was the case in the standard of the 17 entries we received. We had the easy job and a very pleasurable one. Teresa, Christina and myself spent a few happy hours reading through their entries and were totally blown away by their offerings.

Teresa and I went along to the school assembly where we announced the winners. The children were a credit to themselves and their teachers and it was a pleasure to be part of their morning.

A huge thank you to all the participants and well done to you all.

**Joint 1st place: 'Alone' by Nyla Grant and
Joint 1st place: 'The Nuke' by Finley Hitchings
2nd place: 'The Run Away Cable Car' by Ellie Conlon
3rd place: 'Mario Kart' by Ceri Prosser
The Prize Winners were all awarded Book Tokens.**



Runners-Up who received Pen Sets were:
Ellie Davies for her story entitled 'Simba' and
Liberty Pitt for her story entitled 'Quite a Fright'.

Some of the stories will appear in our Newsletter over the coming months. This month we have printed Nyla's story on page 13.

Article written by Linda Munnoch, who also donated some of the prizes.

UPTON ST LEONARDS WI – JANUARY MEETING

"Don't plonk when you sit" was the message given to members of Upton WI by Trish Tenn when she spoke at our January meeting. She told us how important it is to do strength exercises regularly to keep us mobile as we age. It is never too late to start. Members joined in enthusiastically with the simple exercises she showed us.

President Diane welcomed two new members and presented one birthday card. Forthcoming events include an aromatherapy workshop on 18th February, a Beading Workshop on 28th April and our Fashion Show on 8th April. The ACM at Cheltenham will take place on 23rd March and a board was put out for this. Members were reminded of the importance of supporting our Bring and Buy Table, Raffle and fundraising events.

We now have a Facebook page and members are invited to visit it to keep up with events taking place in our WI and to see our programme for the coming year. Please view it at www.facebook.com/USLWI.

Our speaker on 1st February is Chris Chatterton talking on The History of Gloucester which promises to be a very interesting evening. Visitors will be very welcome to attend at 7.30 p.m.



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What's been happening in Upton - cont'd?

New Year at the B.M.I



New Year's Eve at the B.M.I. was once again well attended. Approximately 80 revellers said goodbye to 2015 and rocked and rolled into 2016!

After a fork buffet, a trio, "The Buck Stops", played a selection of music and songs for dancing throughout the evening. Also included on the night was a free raffle with a magnum of champagne, Scotch whisky and a bottle of Prosecco for the winners.

Everyone had a good time with the evening coming to a close at 12.30 a.m. and of course one of the advantages of the B.M.I. is not having to hire a taxi to get home!

Post Christmas/New Year Quiz

Once again our post-Christmas/New Year quiz at the B.M.I. on Saturday 9th January was well attended with nineteen teams, which shows how we all love quizzes!! Eric, our quiz-master, managed to research a wide range of questions to get our brains working!

Together with a raffle on the night, a further £156.80 was raised towards the B.M.I. charity, "Research into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy", so a big thank-you to everyone that came along.

The winning team on Saturday 9th January, was

"Under Duress".

The B.M.I. quizzes are always a lot of fun, and you do not have to be a master-mind to join in. Our next quiz will be on Saturday 19th March.

The members of the B.M.I. have donated many thousands of pounds over the years to various charities e.g. the air ambulance, cancer charities, children's charities etc. This could not happen without the continued support of these members as they contribute and support events and raffles so thanks everyone.

Paula Quinn

Results from the Sweetie Quiz in our December issue.



A number of people sent in their answers. The clues ranged from easy (Wobbly Infants – Jelly Babies) to hard (Uniform in tango medley – Nougat). Only one answer sent in was completely correct, so the prize, a box of sweets of course, goes to Glenda Buck. Well Done!!!

Honourable mention though to five others who got just one wrong: Barbara Sproston & family, Bette Winstone, Jackie Lord, Colin & Glenys Smith and Jane Jones.

Wobbly infants.....Jelly Babies
 Where refined people live.....Quality Street
 100% precious.....All Gold
 9, 10,11.....After Eights
 Fruit falls.....Pear Drops
 Carrier for dairy produce.....Milk Tray
 Mother's local.....Mars Bar
 All sorts of girls.....Dolly Mixtures
 Royal herb.....Mint Imperials
 Pleasure in Istanbul.....Turkish Delight
 Sport of the princes.....Polo
 Home for alcoholic teeth.....Wine Gums
 Speak quietly.....Wispa
 Edible fasteners.....Chocolate Buttons
 Aromatic spheres.....Aniseed Balls
 Piece of snow.....Flake
 Feline gear.....Kit Kat
 Occult perhaps.....Black Magic
 Corks for big mouths.....Gobstoppers
 A galaxy.....Milky Way
 Punishment for a nut.....Walnut Whip
 Break in a game.....Time Out
 London has big red ones.....Double Decker



It's nonsense.....Humbug
 9 pin bowling.....Skittles
 Theme.....Topic
 Tartan granite.....Edinburgh Rock
 Clever clogs.....Smarties
 Petals and prickles.....Roses
 Dating websites.....Matchmakers
 Wandering singers.....Minstrels
 The sun blew up?.....Starburst
 King of the jungle's watering hole.....Lion Bar
 Grain and cane.....Barley Sugar
 Alfresco meal.....Picnic
 Valentine symbols.....Love Hearts
 Not chewy.....Crunchie
 US noughts and crosses.....Tic Tacs
 Frisbee plates?.....Flying Saucers
 Inhabitants of Mediterranean island.....Maltesers
 Dairy product north of the border.....Butterscotch
 Uniform in tango medley?.....Nougat
 The lorry won't get far without them.....Wagon Wheels
 Just over 26 miles.....Marathon
 Majorettes do this with their batons.....Twirl

Volunteering

The Village Hall and Why it is Important!

What is a village hall? Well in most cases it is the lifeblood of a village community and that is no exception in Upton St Leonards.

The Village Hall and the grounds in which it stands were given to the village in 1922 by the Birchall Family of Bowden Hall and has run successfully ever since, now being administered by The Village Hall Trust as a registered charity.

There are some 27 different groups which use the hall on a regular basis, be it daily, weekly or monthly along with those casual bookings for various events, parties, christenings, fund-raising sales etc.

In the case of groups like the Get-together club it provides a venue for people, who otherwise are perhaps on their own, to meet with others.

We are fortunate to have two halls for hire together with the meeting rooms. The Hall underwent a refurbishment some 6 years ago, giving it enhanced facilities. Other upgrades happen all the time.

It does however mean that a number of Volunteer Trustees are needed to oversee the running of the Hall and it has become more challenging of late to find people who are prepared to take on that role.

The fewer we have, the more time consuming it becomes on the rest. What happens if there are no Trustees available, you may well ask?

The simple answer is that the Hall



Well it would take away a huge facility in the community and the village would be the poorer without it.

Being a Trustee is not at all time-consuming; particularly when the load is spread.

The Trust has insurance that protects Trustees.

There are about three meetings a year and its two main fund-raising events requiring support, are the Spring Show and Bonfire Night.

Currently we lack a Secretary, who would be required to write letters, convene meetings etc. .

SECRETARY

Could you spare a few hours to use your written communication skills?

If you would like to find out more and feel that you could offer administrative support of any kind please contact me on 617349 or at knollcott@btopenworld.com

Keith Pearson
Chair Village Hall Trust

TWYVER WI

The start of a new year is always a busy time and this first meeting was no exception. Members were asked to consider the eight shortlisted potential resolutions and vote on one, for submission to the NFWI which will then form the basis of campaigns and educational activity for the year. Successful campaigns in the past have included Equality at Work, Keep Britain Tidy, More Midwives and Family Planning to name but a few.

Once the 'business' had been concluded, members enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles amongst much laughter brought about by the Bard of Barnwood, otherwise known as Margaret Daniels. Margaret entertained us admirably with her observations of life with her own unique humorous verse. Our next meeting will be held on 8th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker Trish Tenn will be talking to us about Strength in Life and we are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing for an Interactive session! Visitors are most welcome.

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What's Coming up in USL?

USL LIFE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

'First Signs of Spring'



Calling adults and children!

Why not get out your SLR's, Automatics or Mobile Phones and capture what you see as the

'First Signs of Spring'

Children - Under 18 and Adults - 18 and Over

All Entries to

Jim Browne or in Village Hall Post Box
for the attention of Jim Browne
Best entries to feature in future issues.

Closing Date: 29th February

The Upstagers present

'Snow White'



written by our very own Carol Vye

Thu 18th February 7.30pm

Fri 19th February 7.30pm

Sat 20th February 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Long ago in a land called Happydale lived a King & Queen. They reigned over their Kingdom in blissful happiness and everyone in the land loved them both.

They had a daughter whose skin was as white as snow and lips as red as a rose whom they named Snow White.

Sadly the Queen died that very same day. Snow White was left motherless and the King was stricken with grief.

The King eventually took another wife. This woman was called Malicious - she was beautiful but she was wicked to the core with a heart as cold as ice.

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CHURCH NEWS

From David Knight,
Lay Chairman of the Church Council

Dear Friends,

Rev Christine is unwell at present and we hope and pray that she will be back with us soon.

We have had another successful Christmas at St Leonards with a congregation of almost three hundred at the Christingle service. The carol and midnight mass service was also very well supported with local hotels bringing people in.

Christmas day in the Church for me was a different proposition and a time of reflection on the past and also looking ahead to the future and growing our church community. As I opened the Church doors I was in eager anticipation thinking how many will come this morning.

For some Christians the Christmas Eve Mass is a great time of celebration as we usher in our saviour Jesus Christ into the world. I sometimes naively think that some like to get the Church bit out of the way so that they can enjoy the following day. So the Christmas morning service went well and the thirteen congregation present celebrated the light coming into the world. It was warming to see a family with two small children and the sound of laughter during the service.

This time of year, then, is huge in our calendar both in the Christian and secular (commercial) world, but when we study scripture the birth of Christ is only mentioned in a couple of chapters of Matthew and one chapter of Luke's Gospels. I am not saying that God coming into our world is not important - far from it. Christmas is only the start of the celebration as we witness the growth of Jesus spiritually into our lives as he proclaims the coming Kingdom. God initiates that new age through Christ where flesh and blood is replaced with water and spirit which is imperishable and everlasting life in Gods Kingdom - the earth.

Looking ahead in this month of February, Valentine's Day falls in Lent, so we will be having a special service the week before to celebrate and be thankful for the Union of Marriage - on Sunday 7 February at 10 am; please join us.

David



Join with us to celebrate and be thankful for the

Union of Marriage

Special Service on

SUNDAY 7 FEB at 10am

February Church Diary

(Correct at time of printing but subject to change - please check details in pew sheets)

SUN 7th	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.00am Service to give thanks for the Union of Marriage
Wed 10th	Ash Wednesday - we hope to visit and Join with other local churches - please see the Pew News.
Thu 11th	2.00pm Mothers' Union
SUN 14th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00am Communion4All
SUN 21st	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00am Holy Communion (Common Worhip) 6.00pm Evensong. This is one of a Series of evening services for Lent in the local churches. Our turn on this day. The speaker will be Noel Sharpe who represents Christian Aid. See the separate announcement for the other dates and places.
SUN 28th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00am Communion4All

Who's Who at the Parish Church

Priest in Charge:

Reverend Christine Birkett
The Rectory, 12 Bondend Road, GL4 8AG.
rev.christine@uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk
Usual parish working days are Tuesdays and Fridays

Churchwardens:

- 1 Keith Robbins
- 2 Vacancy

PCC Secretary:

Roy Roberts

Church Treasurer:

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Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

Bell Tower Captain:

Roger Fry

Mothers' Union:

Rachel Hall

Church Cleaning Rota:

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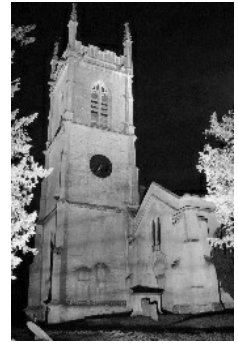
Church Flower Rota:

Evelyn Rumsey

Electoral Roll Officer:

Naomi Stanley-Gunn

Tower Flood Lighting Sponsorship Details



On Friday 8th January the Tower Lights were lit in celebration of the birth of a fourth great-grand-daughter of Linda Hicks, born to Nikki and Jonathan and sister to Daisy. Kindly sponsored by Linda Hicks.

On Thursday 25th February the Tower Lights are lit in memory of Derek Brinkley who would have celebrated his 91st birthday on this day. Sponsored by his son Alan.

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.



Message from Canon Helena Arnold, Diocesan Director of Education: Making connections

Parish and School Partnerships: Working together to worship, serve and celebrate.

Many churches and primary schools in the Diocese have a long and successful history of working in partnership to engage with the needs and hopes of their parish communities. For church schools, it is important that the ethos and values of the school speak to all of the love of God.

the messenger

From the Diocese of Gloucester

In order to creatively explore how these relationships can be further developed, Bishop Rachel and the Local Authority are jointly hosting an exciting meeting on Friday 26 February for headteachers and clergy to explore how we can work better together to ensure that children flourish and fulfil their potential to become the people they have been created to be.

There are, of course, many ways that a school and parish can develop their relationship, depending on the local context. In order to discern how best to do this, it is important to hear the voices of children and families and to ask what the impact of our engagement in education can be.

Working together, churches and schools can not only minister to and serve children, but also reach out and support families. Investing in this relationship requires energy, creativity and a genuinely commitment of time from everyone. As two co-located Christian communities, when working well, the interdependence of church and school can become central to the life-blood of the local community.

For further information, please email education@glosdioc.org.uk



Martyn Snow, the Bishop of Tewkesbury, will be leaving the Diocese in March, to take up the post of Bishop of Leicester. Bishop Martyn writes: "A heart-felt thank you to you all for showing me such kindness and generosity during my all-too-brief stay in Gloucestershire.

"I truly give thanks to God for bringing me to this Diocese. I have learnt so much during my time here. In particular, I have seen clearly that when Christians show genuine love for one another and for their neighbours, and when the gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully preached, people of all backgrounds will respond. The transforming power of this good news is not just for the wealthy or the poor, not just for people in urban areas or rural areas, but for all people.

"So please go on faithfully serving in this way and know that I will go on praying for you."

CHURCH NEWS

LENTEN EVENING SERVICES (Sundays, 6pm)

- Please support these services at St Leonards and in our partner churches

14 Feb - St Lawrence, Barnwood - Janet Williams on the theme of "Prayer"

21 Feb - St Leonard - Upton St Leonards - Noel Sharpe (Christian Aid) on "Almsgiving"

28 Feb - St Oswald - Coney Hill - Catherine Williams on "Fasting"

6 Mar - St Philip & James, Hucclecote - Jonathan Pye on "Study"

13 Mar - Christchurch, Abbeydale - Bishop David Jennings on "Repentance and Reconciliation"

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals - Dec and Jan

Baptisms

17 January Joseph Lawford
 Oliver Lindegaard

Wedding

21 December Helen Winstanley to Ricci Harvey

Funerals

23 December Ethel "Binkie" Armstrong
14 January Thomas Evans
15 January Rose Gardner

The Church News used to have a list every month of the baptisms, weddings and funerals. We have revived this and hope to have it as a regular feature for the information of parishioners.

Upton 500+ Club

The 500 Club raises much needed money for the Church. Small prizes are drawn each month, and there is one large annual prize drawn at Christmas. If you would like to join, contact one of the church officers, or fill in the membership forms available at the back of the Church

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - COLLECTION ORGANISER

HELP NEEDED - COULD YOU TAKE ON THIS SMALL TASK?

After organising the Christian Aid door-to-door collection in the Village for quite a few years now, Rachel Hall is taking a rest. It isn't a huge job:

- Obtaining publicity material and passing that to the Church and the Newsletter,
- assembling a list of collectors,
- putting together their packs of envelopes and other materials, getting that to the collectors
- taking in the collected envelopes,
- counting and banking the money.

Christian Aid week is in May, this year 15-21 May. Rachel will be very happy to work with a new organiser for this year. Can you contact Rachel on 610521 if you can take on this job, or want to know more.

We haven't published winners of the Church's 500 Club Draw for a while in USL Life. Here is a catch-up!

The November Draw winners were:

First Prize was won by Clive Winstanley
Second Prize was won by Mike & Peggy Blanch
Third Prize was won by Mike & Peggy Blanch
Fourth Prize was won by Joan Ashton

The December Draw winners were:

First Prize was won by Myra Williams
Second Prize was won by Janet Carr
Third Prize was won by Fred Jones
Fourth Prize was won by Mike & Peggy Blanch

The BIG Christmas Draw prize of £500 was won by Gerald Buck

The January Draw winners were:

First Prize was won by Mike Stratford
Second Prize was won by Janet Fisher
Third Prize was won by Ceri Buckenham
Fourth Prize was won by Fred Jones



A Big Thank You - from Keith Robbins, Churchwarden

I am so grateful to members of the congregation and parishioners who have supported me in leading the Church in Reverend Christine's absence. We are working hard to keep "Your Church" alive in the Parish and I must express my thanks to you all, whether church members or not. We have been blessed with generously given time and inspirational leading of our services by our local retired priests, especially David Eady and Martin Riley, and we should not forget our "home grown talent" too - Rachel Hall gets a special mention here.

As David has noted, the Christingle service, led by Dorothy Cox, was a huge success. I expect Jenny Cunningham won't want to see another orange for at least 6 months after having prepared hundreds of them for the children! And the congregation were very generous too; all of the collection of £224 will go to the Childrens' Society to support the wonderful work they do locally with young children and teenagers in trouble.

Thank you once again.

Keith

PLOUGH SUNDAY SERVICE

You're used to seeing Andrew Herring's bright red tractor around the village, but why was it parked outside the Church on Sunday 10 January?

It wasn't there waiting for a trailer or to pick up a hay bale, but to advertise the Plough Sunday Service that evening! This traditional service was reintroduced at St Leonards in 2014 to give thanks to the farming community for all that they do for us. Modern machinery and straw bales being too large to fit inside, the church was decorated with farming implements from a bygone and very manual age. Thanks go to Andrew Herring (Portway Farm) for loan of the Victorian wheeled seed drill, and Mel Moore (Grove Court) for the scythe, hay rake, spade and of course the Perry and Cider bottles!

Sunday's service was lead by Rev David Eady who, despite 10 years at Highnam, had never taken a Plough Sunday service before. He reminded us, at the start of the agricultural year, of the dedicated work of our farmers and encouraged us to dedicate ourselves to God and remember those less fortunate than ourselves, for whom growing their essential food is a daily struggle.

Members of the Upton farming community were prominent in their support to the evening service - with Ann Herring (Portway Farm) and Jennifer Watts (Gastrells Farm) leading prayers to dedicate the plough and the labours of farmers



locally and world wide. The classic hymn "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" was sung - with special note of the chorus "All good things surround us are sent from Heaven above, then thank the Lord, Oh thank the Lord, for all His love". I suppose the seeds are not really "scattered" as such these days, but "We Plough the fields and plant seeds in mechanically drilled lines".





February's Feature Article is entitled Lady Downe and Formula One

In 1982, a young man by the name of Graham Taylor came to live in Upton St Leonards, at Bullens Manor Farm on the High Street. He was 17 at the time and in a Design Engineering apprenticeship at GCHQ in Cheltenham. But his one great passion was motor racing. His dream was to become a racing driver.

With this very much in mind, Graham applied for an award from the Lady Downe Trust to do a Racing Drivers' Course at the world famous Jim Russell Racing Drivers' School at Snetterton, where his great hero Emerson



Fittapaldi had learned to drive. He was delighted when his application was accepted.

Everything about the Racing School was first class and the young hopefuls came from all over the world. Each driver was assigned a personal instructor, who gave guidance and taught them how to get the best out of the car. It was very intense and the culmination of the course was the Drivers' Race Day.

Graham remembers not sleeping well the night before the race, feeling that this was "make or break" time. After the qualifying



round in the morning, he was placed towards the back of the grid; not good, but in the afternoon the race went really well. Graham consistently achieving the fastest lap, overtaking driver after driver, to finish second.

Quite pleased with the result and after a big splash about him in the Citizen, he set about looking for financial backing. However, everywhere he went he drew an absolute blank, businesses were very interested but not interested enough to invest large sums of money.

Still determined to have a life in motor racing, Graham decided if he couldn't be a racing driver, he'd be a racing engineer. He now focussed on getting good grades in his apprenticeship and did

so well that GCHQ offered him a career in the R & D Department, also known as "Q" Division.

When you see a James Bond film and Bond mentions "Q" - that's where he was. The work was very challenging but exciting too, and after achieving a good report in his first year he was put forward for promotion. However, the promotion was refused on the grounds that he would be the youngest to achieve this status by four years and therefore he would have to wait. Graham felt let down and angry and when he saw an advert in the Motoring News for an engineer for a new racing team, he applied and became Racing Engineer to a young Mika Hakkinen who subsequently went on to become a World Champion. Graham was just 23 years old: he couldn't believe his luck.



Race Engineers have sole responsibility for coaching the driver, developing the car and organising the pit crew. Everything has to be well planned and tightly co-ordinated to get the best out of the whole team.

Graham says he found this relatively easy for he employed all the skills taught to him by his Personal Instructor at the Jim Russell School. "That Racing Course was now serving me well, not as a Racing Driver but as a Race Engineer". Mika went on to win the Championship which was great for Graham's career and the following year he joined Jackie Stewart's outfit.





February's Feature Article continued

Lady Downe and Formula One

winning three Formula Junior Championships running, with David Coulthard who went on to Formula One and Dario Franchitti who became Indy 500 Champion three times and Indycar Champion four times. It was frequently exhausting, immensely adrenaline raising but incredibly exciting."



In 1999 Graham moved into Formula One with Tom Walkinshaw's Orange Arrows running Pedro de la Rosa and Jos Verstappen. The team took part in a 13 part TV series named Racing Arrows which followed the team and drivers

around the world throughout the season. Murray Walker, the great Formula One commentator, always keen to support new teams and drivers, frequently travelled with the Arrows outfit to the world's circuits and was always encouraging and very entertaining.



"So here I am, this ordinary guy from Gloucester operating in Formula One with some of the best engineers in the world, and hundreds of millions of dollars being spent on making cars

go fast, walking tall with famous drivers and from time to time wondering how it all happened.

Looking back, I was always ambitious, not wanting to be better than the next person but to be the best that I could be. I worked very hard and I had some lucky breaks but it was all made possible by receiving the Lady Downe Award when I was just 18. It was that which gave me the opportunity, not only to follow my dream, but to think really big".

Written by Christina Caldwell

The Great Outdoors

Now February has arrived and the days are lengthening there are plenty of jobs to do in your garden, weather permitting.



Prepare seed bed by turning soil over to depth of 6 to 8 inches.

Good or bad weather, you should now have your seed catalogues through and have ordered your seeds etc.

It's also time to clear up flower borders and vegetable beds ready for next month's busy time... and

there's still time to clean the greenhouse.

It's also time to force rhubarb by placing a clay pot over the crown or plant a new crown if necessary. Start chitting your early potatoes, stand them in egg boxes in a bright frost free place.

You can start sowing leeks, onions, celeriac and sweet peas under cover.

Finally, this is the time of year to build a new compost area for a fresh year and give your garden tools a good clean.

Happy Gardening.

Carol Evans

Upton St Leonards Show

After a unanimous decision at the A G M. the USL Flower Show will now be known as "Upton St Leonards Show".

Our NEW Email address is uptonshow@hotmail.com

The next USL Show is to be held at the Village Hall on **10th September 2016**

Photographic Classes:-

- a) The colour red
- b) Rugby action pictures
- c) Nature's jewels
- d) Summer
- e) A selfie
- f) Animal magic
- g) Reflections – Black & White only



Our Committee would like to wish you all a prosperous & successful garden year and thank all the organisations & volunteers who have supported the show

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City & Guilds



This story was adjudged joint winner in our competition for pupils of the Village Primary School. The other winning story will appear in a later issue.

ALONE

Written by Nyla Grant

It was all going so well until I closed my eyes. Where was I? My brain was frantically rushing. I was silent. You can't make noises in unknown abandoned terrains like this.

Abandoned. Lifeless. Alone, wandering along the endless road. I was afraid and doubtful that I'd ever get home. Who knew playing hide and seek could end like this? I had a bitter taste in my mouth. Some dread would sweeten it up but anxiousness would make it taste just right. The wind was whispering to me aggressively. I thought I heard mother's soothing voice in the distance, but no. Just the eerie cry of the wind howling in my ear.

It was a lovely day. The sun was shining. Leanne and I running together breathlessly playing HIDE AND SEEK. There's a curse on this game, I swear. I closed my eyes and counted to thirty,

then I suddenly found myself, pondering along this terror trail. Alone. What could be said? What could be done? What could I do? Barely anything. All I could do: Hope and pray.

I fell asleep dreaming about me; my future. Looking up, I was transfixed by the myriad of fluttering leaves that danced in high boughs. I heard rustling amongst the mysterious tranquil.

Abruptly, I jerked to see no-one. I went back to sleep reluctantly. More rustling. I felt my body being lifted up, like a wounded soldier.

"You're safe with me." The voice soothed. Hopefully I was going to somewhere as soothing and relaxing as this creature's voice. But who was that face in the night?....

Respecting local residents and parking with due consideration

The Highway Code rule 244 says "You MUST NOT **park** partially or wholly on the **pavement** in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. **Parking on the pavement** can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs".

It is however, illegal to drive on a pavement.

In the absence of signs permitting parking, on or partially on the pavement, notably in the vicinity of the Primary School, perhaps those who currently do so, could park with due consideration and safety uppermost in their minds, for both other road users and pedestrians alike, in order to avoid scenes such as witnessed in recent days.



OUR NEW VILLAGE AGENT - GILL CANNON - 07776 245767

I would like to introduce myself as your new village agent. I would also, at this point, like to mark the wonderful work done by Lou Kemp over the last 10 years since the village agent scheme was piloted in Gloucestershire. Since that time the scope of the scheme has extended from the original 96 parishes to well over 200 parishes and the model of working with communities has been taken up from the original kernel, started here in Gloucestershire, to a nationwide service bringing together all kinds of organisations to provide a complete solution directly to people in their own homes. We aim to help people to remain in their own homes, living independent lives, preventing unnecessary hospital admissions, whilst working hard to eradicate rural isolation and forging strong supportive communities for those over 50, in need of support.

It is this group of people that I am privileged to join and I am looking forward to working with communities and directly with individuals to make living in our wonderful countryside, pleasant whatever age or capability.

I live in Eastcombe in the parish of Bisley-with-Lypiatt. I am married and a Mum and Grandma. After a lengthy career in the law and then in senior management in the charity sector I am keen to use my knowledge and skills to continue to bring people and organisations together. I would reiterate that

village and community agents bridge the gap between local communities and statutory and voluntary organisations able to offer support. The amount of help available is incredible but I know from my experiences with my own father, difficult to negotiate or to find.



If you belong to a local group that can provide support to a vulnerable person – shopping, company etc I would like to hear from you too. It is important that we link those in need with those who are ready and willing to assist.

Just a thought as the weather turns colder and we light fires and candles to lighten the dark nights. Are you happy that your fire prevention is as good as it should be? If you have any concerns the Fire Service is happy to advise and we have an excellent relationship with our local fire crews.

The Village Agent scheme is county wide, helping over 50's with information and support. Please call me to arrange a home visit or email me and I will be in touch.

gcannon@villageagent.grcc.org.uk 07776 245767

Future Diary Dates - 2016

Rent-a-crowd 2016!!



Saturday 19th March 2016

Venue: Village Hall 7.30 - 11.30 pm

This Year's Theme

'Characters from a Children's book or series of books'

Get together with fun loving friends
£8 per person
Bring your own food and drink

Prizes for the Best Fancy Dress (individuals and groups)

Dance to a Disco to round off the evening

Contact organisers Julie Winstanley j

Group numbers and monies to be in by 29th February please

All profits to be donated to Alzheimer's Research

B.M.I. Spring Quiz Saturday 19th March 2016

(Members and signed in guests)

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in the B.M.I. foyer before Friday 18th March

All profits on the night including a raffle
are donated to the B.M.I. nominated charity
for 2015-16

Research into Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

AGMs

The AGM of Upton St Leonards Life Community Interest Company (i.e. the organisation that produces this newsletter) will be held on Monday 21 March in the Pavilion, at 7.30 pm. Members of the Company are invited to attend.

The USCAN AGM will be on the same night, also in the Pavilion, at 8.15pm, after the USL Life AGM. The USCAN Footpath Group still remains active around the Village. Funding for its work comes from the Parish Council and we are required to have a short AGM to present the accounts, receive a report from the work done and discuss any other relevant business. All Villagers are members of USCAN so all are welcome to attend.

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The Local Planning Process ... Continued from last month's article

In my article about the planning process in the January issue,



I ended by mentioning, but without any detail, the Stroud Local Plan, and the terms "The Protocol" and "Neighbourhood Development Plans". In this article, you can read a bit more about these.

Each district should have its own "Local Plan", and this sets the background for all planning decisions. The plan will state, for example, how many new houses are likely to be required and roughly where those should be located. The Stroud Local Plan that was published in 2005, for example, stated that in Upton St Leonards only "infill" new housing would be allowed. The 2014 outline planning proposal for houses at Bondend breached this, but in examining that application, it was ruled that the 2005 Stroud Local Plan, which expired on 30 June 2011, was out of date and therefore not relevant. Aaaaaaargh!

However there now is a new Stroud Local Plan. It was adopted on 19 November 2015 and will be in force until 2031. In the new plan, Upton St Leonards is classified (along with Hardwicke) in the "Gloucester Fringe" area of Stroud district. This whole area is expected to be providing 750 more houses up to 2031, but nearly all of that will be in the areas adjacent to Quedgeley. However, the plan does not rule out

The Stroud District Local Plan on-line:

http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/plan_strat/localplan2015/Stroud_District_Local_Plan_November_2015.pdf

development in Upton St Leonards. See pages 77 and 78 of the 2015 plan. The plan is available for anyone to see at Ebley Mill. A call to the Council (01453 754143) will tell how else you can see it. It is also available on-line, of course, see below. If space allows we could try to reproduce the two relevant pages in this newsletter.

What is a "Neighbourhood Development Plan"? Any area may create its own official plan of that name. So there could be one for Upton St Leonards. But it must mesh with the District Plan. Some areas within Stroud District do have Neighbourhood Development Plans – these are mostly the towns, e.g. Stroud and Dursley. I talked with Keith Pearson about the Parish Council's view on having a neighbourhood plan. He said the Council were not about to make such a plan. They are very expensive to produce, he said, and since they have to line up with the District Plan, in a small area such as our Village there is very little to be gained from one. A plan that said "No Development in Upton!" just wouldn't be accepted.

Finally, a word on "The Protocol". This is something that stems from national planning processes, and it seeks to encourage (enforcement is not possible) pre-application consultation, and lays down methods for doing this. Applications that demonstrate use of the protocol in preparing the design of a new development should be looked on more favourably in the approval process. You may have been aware that the Prinknash development went through consultation in the parish well before a planning application was made.

Andy Russell

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A REMINDER FOR YOUR SPRING SHOW
LET US SEE YOUR WINTER CREATIONS!



UPTON ST LEONARD'S 43RD SPRING SHOW
and
RENT-A-CRAFT STALL
Saturday 12th March 2016



These are just a few sections in the show. Why not enter?
Children you have your own section of activities too.
Now is the time to think about preparing some of your entries.

Section E - Arts & Handicrafts Class

These items should not have been exhibited in any previous show.

- A hand knitted item up to 4 ply
- A hand knitted item in double knitting
- A hand knitted item in fancy wool/yarn
- A crocheted item in any yarn
- Show us your hidden talents - let us see what you have made - any media
- A collage, any media - max size 18"/46cms square
- A picture (art) - max size 18"/46cms square
- An animal draught excluder made from recycled materials
- A quilted item

Section XA - Open Charity Classes

- XA1 Teckels Animal Sanctuary. Knit a cat blanket in any ply, pattern or colour. Approx size 24"/60cms by 18"/46cms - entries to be donated.
- XA3 Christchurch Abbeydale Craft Circle - James Hopkins Trust. Knit a heart, stuffed and with a hanging loop, any yarn. Maximum size 5"x5"/13cms - entries to be donated. If required, a pattern is available from Val Doll tel 610940.

Section F - Photography

Photographs should not have been exhibited in any previous show and must be exhibitor's own work. Photographs may be reproduced digitally or conventionally. Max size of photograph 12"x8" (30x20cms)

- Class 30 'War Memorials'
- Class 31 'Berries.'
- Class 32 'Kick The Ball!'
- Class 33 'Waterlife (Plants/Wildlife)'
- Class 34 'Bling!'
- Class 35 'Moonrise' - Black & white prints only for this class.
- Class 53 'Christmas Time' Childrens class - up to age 16 years

Schedules, recipes & entry forms will be available from the Post Office from early February
or from Marilyn Bannister
Rent-a-craft stall contact: Jackie Lord



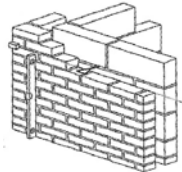
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We have put as much in here as space permits.
 Events happening weekly are only shown for
 the first month or so

VILLAGE DIARY

FEBRUARY

1	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.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.
1	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
2	Tues	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
2	Tues	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
2	Tues	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
3	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
3	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
3	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
3	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
3	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.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.
4	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
6	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
8	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
8	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
8	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
8	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
9	Mon	Pancake Day		
9	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
9	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
10	Wed	Copy Date for March issue of USL Life		
10	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
10	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
10	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
10	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
10	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
10	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.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.
11	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
14	Sun	Valentines Day		
15	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
15	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
15	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
15	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
16	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
16	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
16	Tue	SHREDDER available for garden waste.....	Top of Dirty Lane.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
16	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
17	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
17	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
17	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	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.....	Village Hall.....	8.00p.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	Upstagers Pantomime.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
19	Fri	Upstagers Pantomime.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
20	Sat	Upstagers Pantomime - matinee.....	Village Hall.....	2.30p.m.
20	Sat	Upstagers Pantomime.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
22	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
22	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
22	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
22	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
23	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	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.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
24	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
24	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
24	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
24	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
25	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.

25	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
25	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
25	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
29	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
29	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
29	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

MARCH

6	Sun	Mother's Day / Mothering Sunday		
7	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
10	Thu	Copy Date for April issue of USL Life		
12	Sat	Upton St Leonards Spring Show.....	Village Hall	
14	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00
17	Thu	History Group - Gloucester Cathedral's Royal Connections.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
19	Sat	Spring Quiz.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
19	Sat	Rent - a - Crowd.....	Village Hall.....	8.00-12.00p.m.
21	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Trustees Meeting		
21	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
21	Mon	USL Life Company AGM (Members only).....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
21	Mon	USCAN AGM - All Villagers are invited.....	Pavilion.....	8.15p.m.
27	Sun	Summer time begins		
27	Sun	Easter Day		
28	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
30	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
31	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.00-4.30p.m.

APRIL

4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
10	Sun	Copy Date for May issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
17	Sun	USLCC v Coopers Edge - the season's first cricket match.....	Recreation Ground.....	2.00p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
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Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary



The "Village Shredder"

Once again, those nice people at USCAN have hired a shredder for a few hours, and you may bring cuttings of shrubs and small branches (up to about 3 inches diameter) to get them chopped up. You may also help yourself to the shredded stuff. The shredder will be at the top of Dirty Lane from about 10am to about 11.30am on Tuesday 16th February. Please, please - don't bring material before the day.

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A NAME CHANGE.....

Diana and I moved to Upton in July 2014 from the west of Gloucester, so not all that adventurous a move! Especially as we already had a lot of friends here, and had been to many social occasions in the village over the years. We were just ready for a move, and had our eyes on the village for quite a while - indeed we almost came here in 2002, but the deal fell through.

We eventually came across a house in Twyver Close called 'Sangria'. We learned that it had been built by Richard and Anita Owen, some 45 years before and that they had then built a new house more or less next door, about 12 years ago, when Ian and Fiona Nield bought 'Sangria'.

We agreed to buy and set about planning some changes to make it 'ours', including renaming it in order to put our identity on a house which had enjoyed such family history for two separate families.

But what name to choose? I had a look around at house names all over the place and could see that names often reflected garden features - trees, bushes and so on - or for no discernable reasons.

I became keen on finding a name to reflect Upton St Leonards' history. An obvious source was the history on Stroud District Council's website, which relates that the earliest record was of Upton Mill in the fourteenth century.

Apparently little seems to have disturbed the peaceful rural life of the village until the Siege of Gloucester in 1643, when Royalist Troops were billeted in the Parish.

A letter from Robert Tayloe, who lived at Bond End Farm, was discovered under a bed, written to the officer in charge at Prinknash, asking for protection for himself and his property from the excesses of the soldiers. What the excesses were is not recorded!

The name Tayloe appealed to us but I thought that there would be some impediment to its use, perhaps people with the name or a road named after him. But all the usual sources revealed nothing. Google reveals about 34,900 results, most of them from the USA!

So an application was made to Stroud DC, who approved, except that we had to have a number as well. So, we are now Tayloe.

As a postscript, the late Ken Herbert, our next door neighbour, came to see me a few months before he died. He told me that Robert Tayloe was buried in the Churchyard, and that his is the most prominent grave nearest to the entrance to the Church.

Paul Rosewell

IN MEMORIAM ROSE GARDNER (1918-2016)

It is very sad to report that, Rose, who had lived in the Village for almost a century, died on New Year's Day.

Though her father was from Upton, Rose was born away from the Village. Her parents moved back when she was just two and Rose then lived in the Village for the rest of her life. Rose's grandfather was Mr Davis the village blacksmith, and the Davis family lived at Yew Tree cottage on the Pound, an area at the junction of Rance Pitch and the High Street.

There is a long section in "Upton St Leonards Remembered" of Rose's description of life in the Village between the two World Wars.

Rose was a pupil at the Village School and later went to Ribston Hall High School. Her first job was at Robertson's toy factory in Alfred St. This was later refitted as a shirt factory, where she continued to work. She met her husband to be, Bill, in 1936 and they were married in 1938. They moved into a cottage on the Pound then called Rest Haven now known as Rance Cottage. Here they had three children, Ted, Mick & Mary.

In 1952 they moved to one of the newly built Council houses in Churchfield Road. Some years later when Rose was in her forties she had her fourth child Teresa. Rose continued to work doing varied jobs as well as bringing up a family and running the home. Rose was very skilled in sewing, knitting & crochet. She made most of her own clothes and those of the children. She was always patching up. "Waste not want not", "make do and mend" were continual themes.

She was a lifelong member of Upton WI, the Mothers' Union and more recently the BMI. Bill sadly died in 1986. Rose continued to live in Churchfield Road until 2010 when she moved to one of the bungalows on the Ash Path.

She was a very forthright character; she very much loved & took great delight in spending time with her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren and she loved the village of Upton St Leonards.

SLEEP PEACEFULLY & GOD BLESS





Valentine Day Scramble



1. HTARE _____
2. NAENTLEVI _____
3. ARDIMER _____
4. WETSE _____
5. SREOS _____
6. OATRMENI _____
7. CUIDP _____
8. ADNYC _____
9. HPAYP _____
10. FSLWREO _____
11. NHUTORFTEE _____
12. ESHWEARTET _____
13. OOHALTECC _____
14. YRBUEARF _____

February News from your Village Agent - Gill Cannon 07776 245767

Recently I was able to help a lady with Macular Degeneration and unable to use her current phone. The RNIB has a lot of information on its website, including recommendations on touch phones. They come with a built in screen reader called VoiceOver and a screen magnifier called Zoom. They don't need extra software and come with Bluetooth and refreshable braille displays. The Insight shop in Cheltenham is also a great place to go to try out products.

There is a free Telephone Directory Service for people who are registered blind. Dial 195 to register for this service. When registered you are allocated a card and pin number. When you need a telephone number, quote your pin number and the number is revealed for free.

There is a Blind person's tax allowance for those who are registered blind or severely sight impaired and registered with the local council as being so. For the tax year 2015-2016 the amount is £2290. More information can be found on the gov.uk website.

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