

Upton St Leonards Life

incorporating Church News

Issue 126

February 2025



We've raised the Roof!!
See page 4 for the latest wonderful news



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Editorial

It's been a great pleasure to join the USL Life editorial team as Guest Editor for the February issue. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hardworking team producing a monthly newsletter for every household in the village, over the last 10 years.

The team are always looking for contributions for the newsletter. Do you have an idea or something you would like to see in the newsletter as a one-off article or maybe a regular item? Or maybe you can spare some time to write a feature article - the team are always on hand to support and help out as needed. Any items would be at the editors' discretion.

Please get in touch! You will find the editors' contact details at the back of the newsletter, they will be happy to hear from you!

You will notice a biodiversity theme in this issue. We are surrounded by so many different habitats in our village, even the smallest of actions to preserve these habitats will make a difference. Why not do your bit to improve the environment on your doorstep and join our litter pick!

Just as we were finalising this issue, the wonderful news came through that the application for National Lottery Heritage funding for repair of the Church roof has been successful. The roof is in dire need of repair and securing this funding safeguards the future of St Leonard's for generations to come. Congratulations to Jo Wilson, Richard Sugdon, Rev Helen Champion and others involved with the application for a fantastic outcome.

Sarah Kent

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Tickets still available for Upstagers panto

Ali Baba & the Four Tea Thieves

Ticket source details in the January issue were incorrect, please see correct information on the back page



LITTER PICK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH
10 AM
MEET AT THE PAVILION**

Pickers, black bags, gloves and hi-viz jackets will be provided if you don't have them.

USL Village Store and Post Office

Did you know that Seeta and Rahul Odedra have been running our village store and post office for 9 years on 5 February! As our editor mentioned last month we are thankful for their dedication and hard work to make the business what it is today and for everything they do to support our local community.

As they enter their 10th year, let us continue to support our village store and post office. It's a vital service to our community.



Seeta said, "Thank you to everyone for your custom over the years, we really appreciate it. It is lovely when you see a person regularly and they know you on a first name basis, it means a lot and that is what being part of a village is all about. We have seen a lot of people come and go over the years.

We hope to be here for many years to come, working hard to maintain our village store and post office as a useful and important community facility. We really appreciate your continuing support for our business."

Thank you Seeta and Rahul and we're looking forward to your 10th birthday celebrations next year! (Ed)

What's Been Happening in Upton?

Upton WI

Upton St Leonards WI welcomed in the year with local speaker Millie Barnes giving us a talk on 'Health and Wellbeing'. Main topics were what to eat and what to avoid.



Millie encourages the eating of three meals a day to include proteins, carbohydrates and fats and advises trying NOT TO SNACK between meals!

A brisk 20 minute walk early in the morning is a good start to welcome the day.

Millie talked about keeping our minds active and alert and a good example of this is singing in our local TLC Choir.

A new year brings changes, so improving our lifestyle with an active mind should keep us all fit and healthy for the coming year. Millie's talk was well received by our members.

We meet again on Monday 3 February to hear a talk about Charlie's Community Support from Paul Mount at 2pm in the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Kathy Quant

Entertainment at the BMI

Christmas and New Year were extremely busy as usual at the BMI. There were over 80 members and signed in guests at the entertainment night on Christmas Eve. The band "Tribune" played a great selection of music for dancing from the 60s to the present day.

On New Year's Eve the ever popular "Ian Oliver" entertained over 70 members and guests as they danced their way into 2025. Hard to believe that it is quarter of a century since the millenium! Can you remember what you were doing on 31 December 1999?

The first quiz of the year took place on Saturday 11 January. This is always a popular night, and once again it didn't disappoint with 17 teams participating. The winners on the night were "Julie's Team" with a score of 136, just slightly ahead of "The Woodentops" with 133.

On the night a total of £206.60 was raised for the BMI charities for 2024-2025, "Charlies" and "Gloucester City Mission".

Thanks to Andy Russell for arranging the quiz once again, it is much appreciated. The spring quiz will take place on **Saturday 5 April.**

Ladies Probus Club News

Upton Ladies Probus Club does not have a meeting in December (December being a busy time for ladies!). But, we all got together again in January for our annual Bring & Buy Auction, with all proceeds going to this year's charity - The James Hopkins Trust.

For our 2025 meetings, we have a varied array of speakers lined up to talk about some very interesting topics, so there should be something for everyone in the new programme.

The speaker for our February meeting is Steve Tilley who will tell us all about Walking the Coast.

So, please come and join us in the BMI at 10am on Wednesday 26 February for coffee before the meeting.

Twyver WI

Members welcomed in the New Year at our first meeting of 2025. The important item on the agenda for the evening was to vote for the proposed Resolution to be put forward for this year's Campaign. Sue Wilson explained how the WI is a charity and objectives and aims are to educate its members, so we have a say in how the federation is run.

Members decide on the campaigns put forward and the Public Affairs Department in London oversees the campaigning. The process starts at the beginning of a year and in September the resolution result is put forward. The resolution must be both legal and lawful and not changed on its way through. Not surprisingly some of our first members were suffragettes and many legislative outcomes today are as a result of the WI ladies getting involved politically. For example the Keep Britain Tidy movement began with the WI. Voting forms were handed around and duly completed.

We enjoyed food and drink brought by members for everyone to enjoy, followed by a great Quiz organised once again by Nicola, which went down a treat.

The next meeting will be 10 February, all welcome.

Linda Munnoch

What's Been Happening in Upton?

St Leonard's Raise the Roof Fundraising National Lottery Heritage Fund Application Success!

On Thursday 16 January we received the wonderful news from the National Lottery Heritage Fund that the Church has been awarded a grant of **£248,558** to help with our project to repair the Church roof. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects a huge amount of work (weeks and months) from a number of people. My thanks, in particular, to Jo Wilson for her dedication in preparing and submitting the long and detailed application.

At the beginning of 2024 the amount raised for the project stood at just over £139,000 and by the end of the year this figure had risen to just over £195,000. This included £20,000 from various grants awarded and over £36,000 raised through various events and donations given. These ranged from a small donation from an enterprising schoolboy through to the magnificent generosity of those who contributed to the envelope collection, small events raising a few hundred pounds to the thousands raised from the Barn Dance. We also benefited from the generosity of the BMI Committee who chose us for their annual charity donating over £3,000. A great big thank you to everyone who organised, helped and supported us this year.

This means we can now start the programme of works and look forward to getting the job done. There is much to do in setting up the programme of works, negotiating and agreeing the contract as well as many smaller details to be arranged. We will keep everyone informed as progress is made through USL Life.



The way forward

A new budget will now be prepared to clarify estimated costs of the project. Once the contract is signed, it may show the need for a small amount of additional funds. As a result, we will continue with our fundraising efforts at least until we can finalise the overall costs.

We ask for your continued support and patience, so our ancient and magnificent Church is there for not only ourselves but for future generations.

Richard Sugdon, Project Manager

Message from Rev Helen Champion:

What a fantastic achievement. Our huge thanks go to Richard, Jo and the fundraising team for their dedication to the project. We are also grateful to the church congregation and wider community for their support and commitment. They have continued to find fun and enjoyable ways to raise funds for our roof. Everyone shares a sense of relief in getting to this point and we look forward to seeing the project come to life as the year progresses.

FixMyStreet.com Update - Success Story

You may remember we reported on this website in our October issue last year. The real benefit of course is that many eyes are better than a few, so if anyone spots a problem it can be actioned quickly.

We are happy to report that we have a success story! A potential trip hazard was spotted on the pathway near the post office and after being reported through FixMyStreet.com on 10 December, it was acknowledged and fixed by 16 December!

The picture on the left shows the reported issue and picture on the right shows the repairs completed.

You can, of course, upload any concerns to FixMyStreet.com directly. If you don't have on-line access to FixMyStreet.com then seek help through our Assistant Parish Clerk, Tracy Slator, at the Parish Office, Village Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 12pm.



What's Coming up in Upton?



Saturday 22 March 2025
Doors open 2pm at the Village Hall

Schedules available from USL Post Office or visit Parish Council Website

Classes will include - Home produce and Cookery. Flowers, plants and bulbs. Photography. Children's and local clubs, school and nursery.

Local Craft Stalls

Refreshments

Raffle

Admission— Adults £1, Children 50p (cash only)

We urgently need your help to ensure our local Spring Show can go ahead as planned!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks:-

Setting up on the day or evening beforehand

Helping in the kitchen (we serve teas / coffee / cakes)

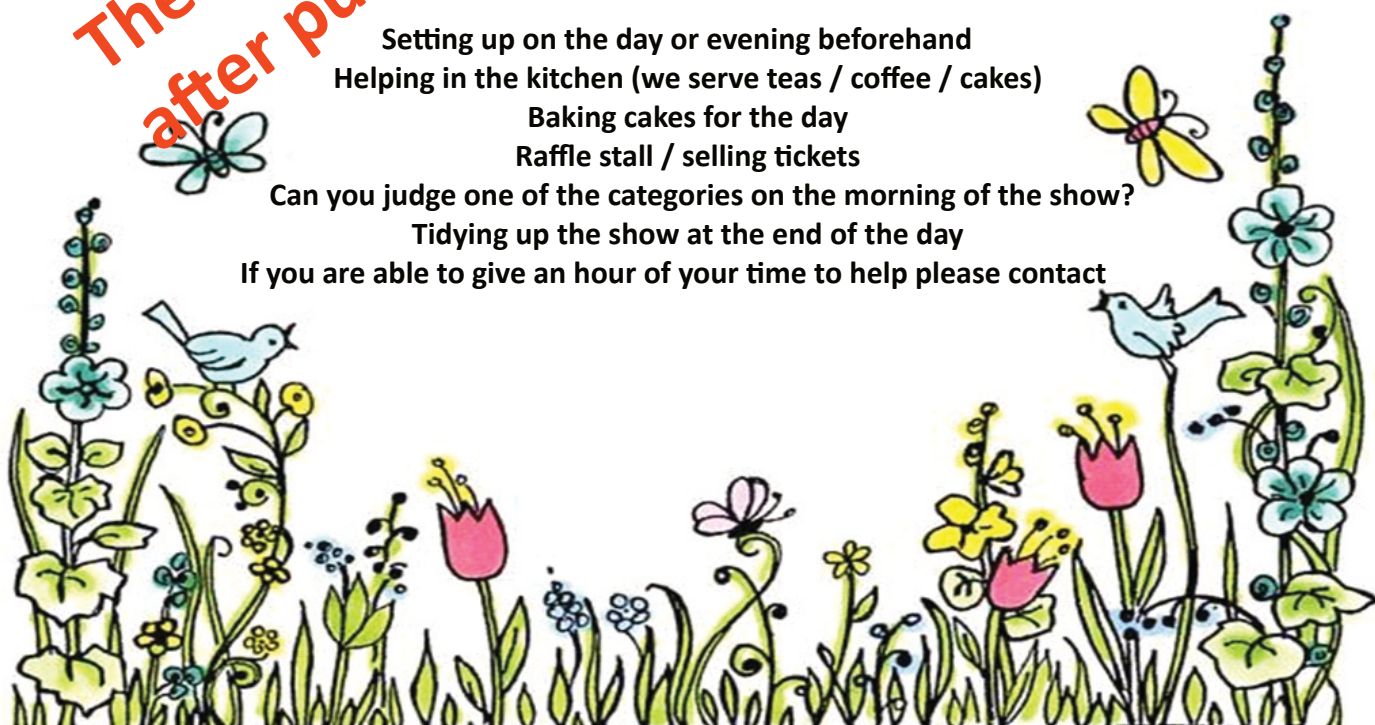
Baking cakes for the day

Raffle stall / selling tickets

Can you judge one of the categories on the morning of the show?

Tidying up the show at the end of the day

If you are able to give an hour of your time to help please contact



What's Coming up in Upton?

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8pm

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with
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Entertainment at the BMI

Sunday 16 March

Sunday Lunchtime Jazz
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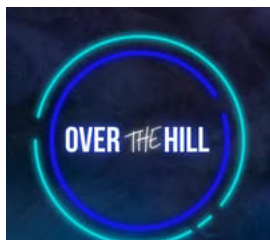
From 1pm - 3.30pm



Entertainment at the BMI

Saturday 29th March
from
8pm

Entertainment Night
with



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BIODIVERSITY IN UPTON

You may remember the article about Biodiversity in the December issue of USL Life.

Biodiversity refers to all living things, from tiny micro-organisms to large land and ocean-dwelling mammals, from moss to massive trees.

To improve biodiversity we need to preserve the habitats where these living things can thrive, and reduce our impact on them to reverse the decline in habitat and species numbers.

In Upton St Leonards habitats means our gardens, hedges, woodland, orchards, farmland, grass verges, the playing field, the churchyard, our allotments, ponds and streams.

The Parish Council has developed a Biodiversity Policy and has to consider the impact of what they do and say, including planning applications. As part of this process an evening to hear more about Biodiversity in our area has been organised for **Monday 17 March at 7.30 pm**.

The evening will start with an introduction by Rebecca Charley, Strategic Lead for Nature Recovery and Biodiversity, Stroud District Council. Then, the Parish Council Environment Lead, will discuss the Council's policy. You can find information about the Parish Council's biodiversity policy at uptonstleonards-pc.gov.uk.

Megan Adamou from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust will then introduce the concept of a **Bioblitz**. This will be held in June and should interest all the family looking for bugs, bats and birds, amongst other bits and bobs. This should encourage us to start recognising the range of fauna out there. Megan will also talk about the work of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust which may encourage some new members

After a short break the remainder of the evening will comprise short presentations from local landowners. We've invited Rob Seex from Whitley Court (dairy farm), the Herrings from Portway Farm (beef and arable) and Jo Twinning from Springbank Stables (equine). We hope to hear what these landowners are doing to promote biodiversity. Finally, we will open up the floor to a question and answer session.

This event should be very informative and help us all do that little bit more to protect not just our environment in Upton St Leonards, but everywhere beyond it. This really is a global crisis and we all have a duty to consider the impact of what we do each and every day.

An Evening Talking Biodiversity

Monday 17 March at 7.30pm at The Pavilion

Speakers

Rebecca Charley
Strategic Lead for Nature Recovery & Biodiversity
Stroud District Council

Environmental Lead
Parish Council

Megan Adamou
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Rob Seex, Whitley Court (Dairy Farm)
The Herrings, Portway Farm (Beef and arable Farm)
Jo Twinning (Springbank Stables)

ALL WELCOME

What is a Bioblitz?

A bioblitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. It's a chance to find out more about the brilliant wildlife we have on our doorsteps from bumblebees to birds and plants to pollinators.



UPTON BIOBLITZ

Saturday 7 June 2025

at the Recreation Ground

Early morning until early afternoon

Bird/insect/other surveys plus a Bat survey at dusk
onwards

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Look out for final details in the May edition of USL Life



Rev Helen Champion

Saint Leonard's Church

Churchfield Road
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*Rev Helen is available Tuesday, Thursday &
Sunday*



Dear Villagers,

As we enter the new year, it's a good time to gently remind everyone about the churchyard regulations in place across the Diocese of Gloucester. The regulations are not only about ensuring that burials and memorials are handled with respect, but also about maintaining the churchyard as a peaceful and beautiful space for all who visit.

The churchyard is a place of both remembrance and community—a space where we gather for baptisms, weddings, and moments of reflection. It holds great historical and aesthetic value, and its sanctity is something we all share a responsibility to uphold.

In keeping with the Christian principles that guide our church, the regulations help us manage the churchyard in a way that respects both the departed and the wider community. While these regulations are binding across the Diocese, the responsibility for their enforcement falls to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Priest in Charge.



Many of you already help with the upkeep of our churchyard, and we are so grateful for your support. The PCC relies on volunteers as there are no paid workers to help and no council bin collection services for the churchyard. Everyone can help by taking their waste home with them. Together, we make sure this sacred space remains neat and welcoming.

That being said, there are a few important regulations we all need to be aware of to ensure the churchyard remains in compliance.

If you are planning to make any changes, like adding a memorial or a new inscription to an existing memorial, legal permission is required. We're happy to assist with the process of these requests.

There are other regulations that will bring about noticeable change, such as: while placing cut flowers on graves is encouraged, they must be in small removable containers, not glass, and should be removed once they've withered. Artificial flowers, potted plants in

containers, and lights or lanterns are not permitted, apart from wreaths for Christmas or Remembrance Day, which should be removed within two months.

Please also note that planting trees, shrubs (for example – roses), or placing stones and other embellishments on graves or where ashes have been interred are not permitted, as aren't cards, small markers and ornaments (except in certain circumstances – please see the summary of regulations).

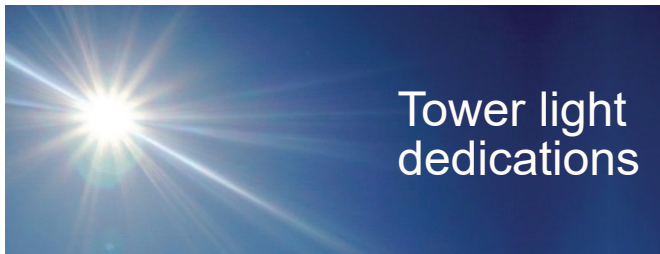
Over the next three months, we'll be more actively working to make sure all areas of the churchyard are in line with these regulations, and we ask for your help and cooperation as we gently implement these changes.

A summary of the regulations can be found at the entrance to the churchyard on Churchfield Road and in the church porch. For a full list of the regulations, you can find more information in the church porch or on the Diocese of Gloucester website on the downloads list of the Churchyards page. Users of the churchyard are obliged to familiarise themselves with the regulations so as to be fully aware of what is acceptable and what is not. Not knowing what they are does not give permission to go against them.

Thank you for your kindness and understanding as we work together to maintain this sacred and cherished space.

Upton St Leonard's
Parochial Church
Council





*If you or your family wish to sponsor the lights in celebration of a birthday, an anniversary, for a loved one's life or for any other reason then please contact Jenny Cunningham for more details.
Please note that the deadline of the Church News is the 8th of the preceding month.*

On the 25th February, the Tower Lights are lit in remembrance of Derek Brinkley, who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on this day. Kindly sponsored by his Son, Alan.

Welcome

During January and February we are welcoming Kate Davies, who is an ordinand studying for the priesthood, on a placement in our church. She will be preaching and helping to lead our worship, and observing what this looks like in a different context to her own church. Many of you will already know Kate from Upton Primary school, or from her time worshipping with us when she was younger. Kate lives in the village with her son, and her parents also live here, so it's lovely for her to be able to come back to her roots and get to know us a bit better.

Welcome

500 Club Winners for January

First Prize
 Second Prize

No. 19
 No. 55

500 Club Winner for 2024 is number 54

The £500 prize was very kindly donated to the Church Roof Fund - Thankyou

Who's who in the church		
Parish Priest: Rev Helen Champion	Churchwarden:	Parish Safeguarding Officer Sue Downey
		PCC Secretary Kay Hutton
For wedding & baptism enquiries please contact Rev Helen.	For Interment and burial of ashes Enquiries please contact Gill	

Annual Events for Easter
Further details in March issue

Lent Lunches

will begin on March 6th

In the Old School Room

From 12 noon until 2.00 pm

Soup, Bread Roll and Fresh Fruit & Cheese

Please come along and join us



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

17th April 2025

Maundy Thursday Meal

Followed by a short service

6.00 pm

The Old School Room

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9.30 am

In the Rectory

Bondend Road

Everyone is welcome

Weather permitting the annual walk up to
Prinknash Abbey will take place on

Good Friday

18th April 2025



Parish Giving Scheme

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>



We're getting excited!

Our new bell tower captain has been putting in a lot of work with the bell tower, repairs have been made and he has high hopes of the bells ringing out over Upton St Leonard's on a regular basis in the not too distant future.

If any bell ringers past, present or beginners would like to join in, practice night is, as always, on a Wednesday night.



Mothers' Union

In December Mothers' Union members again celebrated with a delicious Afternoon Tea at Norton Garden Centre, Twigworth. It proved to be quite a feast, and everyone went home with "Doggie" boxes.

As part of the St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival, one was decorated by our organisation in blue and gold, with blue lights, stars and blue paper doves depicting the logo of the RISEUP campaign against domestic violence.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February at 2pm. It will be our Annual General Meeting followed by a fun food quiz. We try to keep the business side as short as possible so please do feel you can come along.

Our theme for this year is "JOIN US & JOIN IN" so everyone is welcome.



Kate Gale - Branch Leader



**Upton St Leonards
Church**

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



We love to see you walking through the churchyard, and you are more than welcome. It's a great short cut to the dog walking field on the recreation ground, but *PLEASE* can we ask you to keep them on a lead until you leave the churchyard. Our volunteers have had complaints that dogs are leaving a mess on some of the graves and surrounding areas. It is upsetting for them to find their relatives' graves like this, also not pleasant for those cutting the grass if not spotted quickly enough! All we ask is that you keep dogs on the pathways and collect any deposits they may leave and put them in the appropriate bins by the field, not in the churchyard.

Our grateful thanks



Poppy Appeal 2024

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards the total of £6616.30p which was raised in Morrisons.



Shoebox Appeal 2024

The total number of shoeboxes collected in Upton Church was 665, thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way. The total number of shoeboxes collected in Gloucestershire was 3343, which is an amazing number of children who will have received a shoebox for the first time.



If you would like to be involved in either the Poppy Appeal 2025 or the Shoebox Appeal 2025, please feel free to contact Jenny Cunningham

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This month we offer you the first verses of three very different, long narrative poems. On dark winter nights they are wonderful read aloud – perhaps by candlelight during a power cut! Can you guess how they end? The clues are that one ends in DEATH, one in REVENGE and one in ENGAGEMENT.

A SUBALTERN'S LOVE-SONG by John Betjeman 1906-1984

Miss J Hunter Dunn, Miss J Hunter Dunn,
Furnish'd and burnish'd by Aldershot sun,
What strenuous singles we played after tea,
We in the tournament – you against me!

Love-thirty, love-forty, oh! weakness of joy,
The speed of a swallow, the grace of a boy,
With carefulest carelessness, gaily you won,
I am weak from your loveliness, Joan Hunter Dunn.

9 more verses

THE LADY OF SHALOTT by Alfred Tennyson 1809-1892

On either side the river lie
Long fields of barley and of rye,
That clothe the wold and meet the sky;
And thro' the field the road runs by

To many-towered Camelot;

And up and down the people go,
Gazing where the lilies blow
Round an island there below

The island of Shalott.

Willows whiten, aspens quiver,
Little breezes dusk and shiver
Thro' the wave that runs for ever
By the island in the river

Flowing down to Camelot.

Four gray walls, and four gray towers,
Overlook a space of flowers,
And the silent isle imbowers

The Lady of Shalott.

17 more verses

THOUGHTS ON BOOKS AND POETRY

Book – what they make a movie out of for television.

Leonard Louis Levinson

The trouble with a book is that you never know what's in it until it's too late.

Jeanette Winterson

Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.

G.K.Chesterton

All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling.

Oscar Wilde

MAZEPPA'S RIDE by Lord Byron 1788-1824

Bring forth the horse! - the horse was brought;
In truth he was a noble steed,
A Tartar of the Ukraine breed,
Who look'd as though the speed of thought
Were in his limbs; but he was wild,
Wild as the wild deer, and untaught,
With spur and bridle undefiled -
'Twas but a day he had been caught;
And snorting, with erected mane,
And struggling fiercely, but in vain,
In the full foam of wrath and dread
To me the desert-born was led:
They bound me on, that menial throng,
Upon his back with many a thong;
Then loosed him with a sudden lash -
Away! - Away! - and on we dash!
Torrents less rapid and less rash.

510 Lines in total. Good luck!

BOOK REVIEW

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE by Claire Keegan

Long poems have been selected this month so we offer you a beautifully written but very short novel. *Small Things Like These* is a historical fiction novel published in 2021. It celebrates kindness and compassion and rebukes sins committed in the name of religion. There is also a film released in 2024.



Neighbours who have bright security lighting on constantly

This is a problem which the team were asked to cover. How councils deal with complaints about artificial light nuisances can be found at www.gov.uk.

Steps you can take:

- Talk to your neighbour in person, call them or write to them to explain how their light is affecting you and what would help. You can ask your neighbour to modify the light, ie. add a motion sensor or perhaps make changes from your property side to reduce the impact.
- If the problem persists you can approach your council to make a complaint.

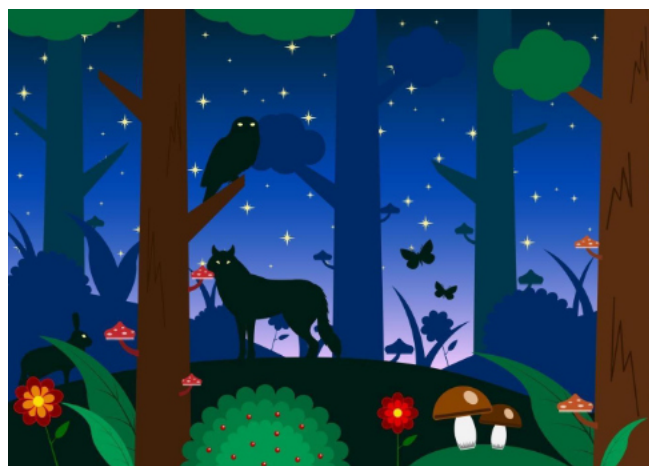
When looking into complaints about potential light nuisances, councils can assess one or more of the following:

- whether it interferes with the use of a property
- whether it may affect health
- how it's likely to affect the average person (unusual sensitivities are not included)
- how often it happens
- how long it lasts
- when it happens
- whether it's in the town or country

There are no set levels for light to be considered a statutory nuisance.

When thinking about biodiversity in our gardens, perhaps we can consider the amount of lighting we have outside, to minimise the impact of artificial light on nocturnal animals.

For example, studies have shown that insects are very sensitive to artificial light at night which can affect their circadian rhythms, mating rituals and ability to navigate. Studies have shown that lights at night impact nocturnal pollinators, including many species of moths.



Is there anything you can do to help biodiversity in your garden?

Message from the Stanley Allotments

Start the New Year as you mean to go on - with an allotment!

We've had a tough year with all the rain, which has encouraged the weeds as well as our produce. We battle on and have achieved fairly good crops.

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If you would like to register your interest:

Contact the Parish Clerk via the Parish Council website (uptonstleonards-pc.gov.uk/contact-us) **OR**

Call into the Parish Office at the Village Hall, open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 am and 12 pm. Arrangements will be made for you to visit the allotments and select your plot.

Or just call in whenever you are passing the allotments and you will be made very welcome.

Peter Macey Site Manager

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3	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00am
3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30pm
4	Tue	Rubbish and food waste week – Garden rubbish for those with brown bins		
4	Tue	Needles & Pins	Village Hall Annex	9.45am
4	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.00-10.00pm
5	Wed	Wednesday Probus	BMI	10.00am
5	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30pm
5	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30pm
5	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00pm
9	Sun	Tennis Club Members Morning	Tennis Courts	10.00am
10	Mon	Copy date for March issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00am
10	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30pm
11	Tue	Recycle and food waste week		
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17	Mon	Coffee Club	BMI	10.00am
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22	Sat	Upstagers Pantomime	Village Hall	2.30pm
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26	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice	Church	7.30pm
26	Wed	Bingo	BMI	8.00pm
27	Thu	Craft Club	The Old School Room	10.00-12.00pm

MARCH

3	Mon	Upton WI	Pavilion	2.00pm
3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30pm
10	Mon	Copy date for April issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30pm
16	Sun	Sunday Lunchtime Jazz	BMI	1.00pm
17	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club	BMI	7.30pm
20	Thu	History Group – “Katherine Parr “ – Mike Bottomley	Village Hall	7.45pm
22	Sat	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.00pm
27	Thu	Craft Club	The Old School Room	10.00-12.00pm
29	Sat	Entertainment Night	BMI	8.00pm
30	Sun	Mothers Day		

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5	Sat	Spring Quiz	BMI	8.00pm
7	Mon	Upton WI	Pavilion	2.00pm
7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30pm
10	Tue	Copy date for May issue of USL Life		
13	Sun	Comedy Night	BMI	8.00pm
14	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30pm
18	Fri	Good Friday		
20	Sun	Easter Sunday		
21	Mon	Easter Monday		
23	Wed	Ladies Probus	BMI	10.00am
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If you would like an event included in the Village Diary please contact Paula Quinn

Weekly Courses

Activity	Day	Venue	Contact	
Yoga	Mondays 10am	Village Hall Annex	Lara Bricknell	07876 764425
Art Class	Tuesdays 2pm	Village Hall Annex	Christine Hughes	01452 614227
Dance Workout	Tuesdays 7pm	Pavilion	Debra Law	07505 761420
Chair-based Pilates	Wednesdays 1.45pm	Pavilion	Angela Harris	
Tai Chi	Thursdays 10am	Village Hall Annex	Christina Caldwell	
Pilates with Sam	Fridays 9.30am	Village Hall Annex	Sam Slatter	07894 757360

Contacts for Village Organisations

Abbeydale Garden Club	Val George
Badminton	Tony Sharp
Bell Ringers	Trevor Morley
Coffee Club	Contact the BMI (see their advert)
Cricket Club	Andy Russell
Football Club	Jon Jennings
History Group	Julie Winstanley
Mothers' Union	Kate Gale
Needles and Pins	Lesley Graysmark
Petanque	Jane Arnold
Probus Ladies	Janet Carr
Probus (Tues)	John Lovell
Probus (Wed)	Jeremy Dancey
School PTA	
Stitchers Group	Sheila Thomas
Tennis Club	Rod Kirkpatrick
TLC Singers	Sylvia Ardron
Upstagers	Keith Pearson
WI Upton	Angela Harris
WI Twyver	Val George
Uniformed organisations:	
Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Squirrels	
Explorers (Nuttie Badgers)	
Village Hall bookings	Ann Pearson
Pavilion bookings	Andy Russell
Old School Room bookings	Gill Howell, Churchwarden
School Hall bookings	Contact the school

If your organisation is not listed and you'd like it to be printed next time (we try to print this about every 6 months), or if the information is incorrect, please contact Catherine McLean, our clubs/societies/organisations list keeper.

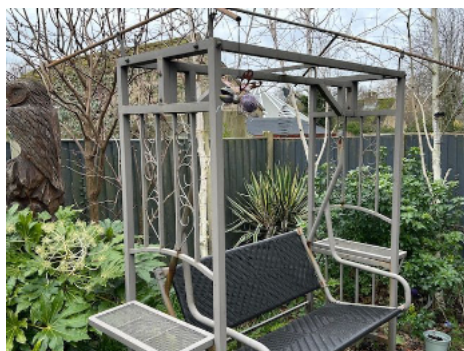
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