

Upton St Leonards Life *incorporating Church News*

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Upton's Village Day



The Procession makes its way to the Village Green



Rev Christine
opens the show

OK - It rained a bit on our Parade, but not enough to dampen our spirit and fun.

After months of planning, Saturday June 20th was a fabulous day for the Village. Hundreds turned out to our first ever Village Day. It was fantastic to see the whole space from the Village Green to the Hall filled with people, exhibits, things to do, food to eat. A triumph for the organising committee!

At 2pm the children from the Primary School gathered in Bondend Road for the procession to the Village Green. The children were accompanied by a giant, a huge fish and several hobby horses, the Styx of Stroud Morris Men, jugglers and stilt walkers, as they made their way to the Green.

More pictures and comment on pages 15 & 16

Competition - Can you write something about the Village Show? The best entries will be published in the next edition. Entries by 10th July in the Village Hall postbox or post on the USL Life website. 200 words maximum. Children and adults. No prizes, sorry, except the pleasure of seeing your words in USL Life!

Letters to the Editor



LOCAL WALK



If you have a couple of hours to spare, why not take a walk to the newest local coffee shop? No car required, just some strong shoes and money!

Start from the Painswick Road motorway bridge then turn left into Corncroft Lane. Continue along this road past flats and green fields until almost at the M5 motorway bridge. Turn right down a tarmac road until you get to a farm gate which you go through. You are now on a grassy track running parallel to the noisy motorway! Do not go through the small gate in the new fence (workmen only). Carry on along the track until you reach a fork, go left up a slight incline and you will now see the back of the new M5 motorway services with pond and paved area. Continue until the next new small gate in the fence and go through the gate, down a well-marked path past a cycle stand to the car park. You can now walk round to the front entrance where you can go in and enjoy a coffee and home-made cakes, or a meal.

Before you return home do visit the farm shop where fresh local meat, vegetables and home-made bread are sold, but remember you have to carry your shopping back home!

Return home on the same path, having visited the new M5 services without the use of a car! Happy walking.

Ann Howie

PS: The southbound services are now open too, so if a shorter walk is more appealing, why not try it out and let us know your views!

Are you looking to take up a new activity or rediscover an old one?

We have received a request from our near neighbours in Painswick to see if there is anyone out there who is interested in joining Painswick Bowls Club? New members, both male and female of any age are welcome. Situated behind the Painswick Centre in Bisley Street, the Club has an excellent green and great clubhouse and is set in a lovely location with expansive views across the valley towards Longridge.



Members play as many, or as few, games as they like during the week and at weekends, in friendly and league matches. During the winter months short mat bowling takes place weekly in the Clubhouse. There are also various social activities organised throughout the year.

We will be holding an **open afternoon on Sunday 2 August 2015** starting at 2pm for anyone interested in joining the club. Come and try the game; the only item you need for the afternoon is a flat pair of shoes. All are welcome and refreshments will be available.

Alternatively you can ring either Ken Quick or David Linsell who will arrange for you to do a 'roll out'.

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What's been happening in Upton?

Donations!

From all of us at the BMI:

A very sincere thank you to all our members and guests for all your support over the past year.



We are pleased to announce that a cheque for £939.02 has been sent to Alzheimers Research UK. This represents the proceeds from the various quizzes etc. which are run at the BMI during the year.



Fund Raising Events at the B.M.I.

Two events have taken place at the B.M.I. during May and June with the proceeds going to a nominated charity for 2015-2016. It was decided to canvass the members this year as to their preferred charity and this will be discussed at the next committee meeting on Monday 13th July 2015.

In the meantime, a fun race night was held on Saturday 30th May and a total of £142 was raised. Also on Saturday 13th June the B.M.I. held its summer quiz. This was well attended with 16 teams competing. Eric, the quizmaster, asked the questions which were as challenging as ever, especially the section on the Eurovision Song Contest, which caught many teams out! At the end of the evening a total of £127 was raised for the charity.

The next quiz will be held on Saturday 25th July and the questions will be on music only. This is the first time that a quiz of this type has taken place at the B.M.I. so it should be interesting! Why not bring a team?

Birdwatch!



The image on the left is a familiar one as many of us have these nesting boxes in our gardens to encourage small birds to nest.

The image on the right however has been 'home' to a family of blue tits that have now miraculously fledged and flown their unlikely "nest" in the Pavilion cigarette bin!!!





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What's been happening in Upton continued

Get-Together Club Outing



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Members gathered at the Village Hall recently for their annual outing. This year's trip was to the Evesham Country Park and Garden Centre. We were fortunate to have a lovely sunny day for the trip enabling everyone to enjoy the scenic journey to Evesham via Tewkesbury.

Bennetts Coach Company must get a mention here. They are always very helpful to the Club and try to ensure the coach provided is accessible to all. Not only was this achieved again but they also provided a new coach. Much appreciated by everyone!

The range of facilities on offer at the Country Park and Garden Centre ensured that members had plenty of choice as to how to spend their time during the course of the visit. There are many good outlet shops. The Garden Centre has a lot to offer besides plants! The Country Park is made accessible by using the tourist train and, of course, there is the restaurant which all Club members and Committee members managed to visit!

Time passed all too quickly. However, members were ready for the comfort of the coach trip back to USL. The number of bags of varying shapes and sizes which were brought back to the coach suggested that a good time had been had by all.

On the way back, members were reminded that the next Club meeting would be a "July 4th celebration"..... although we will be a little ahead of ourselves! Everyone was encouraged to wear cowboy hats and neckerchiefs to reinforce the American themed afternoon.

Photos of the event, along with a report, could well be featuring in the next edition of USL Life!

Jackie Clouting

Update from our Local Policing Team



There were 8 reported thefts in our area between 1st February - 12th June. While most crime figures are reducing, theft has increased.

The majority of thefts are committed by opportunists who try car and house door handles. It still amazes us how many people don't lock their car or house doors, even at night time.

We would advise everyone to lock their house doors even when they are at home and lock car doors when their car is parked on the driveway.

Khim Mortimer - PCSO

Police Community Support Officer

Gloucestershire Constabulary 01452 753740

Contact Centre 101

Whilst the recent figures are very encouraging there have been a number of incidents recently in our locality, which serve to remind us to remain vigilant at all times.

Two bay trees mysteriously disappeared last month from outside the BMI.

Flowers were removed from a grave.

At an auction day at Prinknash Abbey a bag was stolen from a bicycle while the owner's back was turned.

Watch Out!



Protect What's Yours

A bench from a local bungalow was taken and then found in another street.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

WI events in Upton and Gloucester



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Centenary Garden Party At Buckingham Palace June 2015

One of a series of garden parties to commemorate 100 years of the Women's Institute was held on 2nd June at Buckingham Palace. Every WI was allocated one place, so the decision as to which lucky member would attend was left in the hands of the 'raffle system'. Twyver WI's lucky winner was Janice Gilmour, shown below, with Janine Black and Sandie Baker, who also attended.



Janine Black, Janice Gilmour, Sandie Baker

100 Years of the WI: A Centenary Celebration

27th June - 1st November

Gloucester Folk Museum

Westgate Street

Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

Come and bring family and friends or just yourself to see the history of arguably the greatest women's organisation ever, both locally and nationally. At the same time you can enjoy seeing life as it used to be in Gloucestershire.

Entry: £3 Concessions: £2 Family: £10




Meanwhile, Twyver WI is also having its own celebrations as it reaches its **50th year** of being in existence. In order to mark this achievement a Celebration Anniversary Dinner will be held on Monday, 14th September in the Village Hall.

Every member was issued with an invitation to mark this half centenary event.



What's coming up?

SATURDAY 25 JULY
 Test your musical
 Knowledge with our
MUSIC QUIZ
 With Eric our quizmaster
 8.00pm - BMI
 £5 FOR A TABLE OF 4



Proceeds on the night to the
 BMI's Nominated Charity




Our Diamond
 anniversary year

The 60th Annual Flower Show
12th September
 At the Village Hall

The full Show schedule is available at
 the Post Office from 1 July

Just 10 weeks left to get your exhibits
 ready for the Show!

The BMI Annual
Pig Roast



Saturday 8th August
7.30pm

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It's happening again! They're on the Loose!
Track them down!

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Saturday, 11th July

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NEWS FROM:

ABBEYDALE GARDENING CLUB

July is Garden Judging Month so there's still just time to give the judges something to ooh and aah about!



On Monday, 20th July, Andrew and Helen Nichols will kindly host the Gardening Club's Garden Party once again, at their home, instead of the usual club meeting at the Village Hall.

New members are always welcome.

For further details contact the Secretary, Maggie Theakston



Another Village Newsletter!

We had great pleasure in welcoming Molly, Poppy, Ellie and David with their teacher Sarah from Upton School to our USL Life Editorial meeting, covering July's edition.

Children at the Village School produce their own newsletter "Upton Post". Poppy and David (Y6) are the current editors and Molly and Ellie (Y5) will be taking over the reins next year. Many other pupils are involved in writing articles, researching material, etc.

Many of the items in this month's and previous "Kids' Pages" in USL Life came from the Upton Post team, and we will be looking at even more sharing of material.

It was good to see what they were doing with Upton Post and the good standard they are already achieving at a fairly young age.

The purpose of their visit was to look at how we produce USL Life each month, what we are trying to do, where our content comes from and our production timetable.

We were impressed with the range of questions we were asked and in a few years time we may be looking to recruit some new talent to USL Life !! We enjoyed meeting our colleagues on Upton Post and maybe there will be a chance to share information and help each other as we move forward.

The USL Life Editorial Team

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BMI – Sunday 5th July – 4pm

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WHAT TO DO ON THE ALLOTMENT IN JULY

July is one of the driest months so you must keep up the watering. Hoeing can help to break up the soil to remove weeds and allow water to soak down into the ground. Water in the cool mornings or evenings.

Harvesting in July

Keep harvesting your crops, lift early new potatoes, harvest garlic and shallots as the foliage begins to yellow.



Pick the first tomatoes. Continue picking rhubarb, spinach, swiss chard, baby turnips, pak choi, kohlrabi, salad crops, strawberries and raspberries.

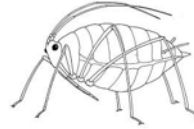
Sowing and Planting

You can now sow seeds of overwintering kale, spring cabbage, spinach beet and hardy onions so that they mature early in the Spring.

Continue sowings of lettuce and beetroot and salad leaves which can be sown every 2 – 4 weeks, but refer to reverse of seed packet for full planting advice.

Diseases and Pests

Watch for potato blight which can set in with wet and humid weather, infected plant material should be binned or burnt and not placed in your compost heap, as this will increase your chances of blight being spread next year.



Some of the main pests are aphids and cabbage white butterfly caterpillars. You can spray with an insecticidal soap or washing up liquid and water mix.

Carol Evans

What's coming up?

UPTON ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

Are holding their own



ZUMBAthon

**SUNDAY 19TH JULY
10 -12 NOON in the VILLAGE HALL**

Our instructor is Regina Spence.
Tickets are £6 but hurry ... they're limited.
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To book your place.

Fun Competition

Allotment holders: In May's edition of USL Life we challenged you to grow the

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CHURCH NEWS



Dear Friends

We will have travelled halfway through this year by the time you read this, and I am hoping that summer will be well and truly upon us and the holiday season flourishing. I trust that it will be a 'Bon voyage' for all concerned.

However, 75 years ago, on the first of July in 1937, the 999 service was launched in London; it was the world's first emergency phone number. Another notable introduction happened on the same day but one hundred years earlier in 1837 when the registration of births, deaths and marriages began.

Hatches, matches and despatches are something that we engage with regularly in church. They are each special events for the community when folk come together to mark a special occasion in someone's life as they give thanks to God and receive blessing. But there are also many other ways we mark the passage of time; we observe the church's year with feast days or festivals and suchlike.

July 25th brings us the feast of St James, the patron saint of pilgrims.

According to the rock musician, Eric Clapton, 'everybody has their own way of looking at their lives as some kind of pilgrimage. Some people will see their role as a pilgrim in terms of setting up a fine family, or establishing a business inheritance. Everyone's got their own definition. Mine, I suppose, is to know myself.'

As Christians we sometimes refer to the concept of pilgrim and pilgrimage as the experience of life in the world which may be considered as a period of exile - John Bunyan writes about 'The Pilgrim's Progress from This World to That Which Is to Come'.

Pilgrim's Progress recounts, in allegorical form, the experience of a person called Christian, from the first awareness of his sinfulness and spiritual need, to his personal conversion to Christ and his life as a believer. The book follows Christian's pilgrimage to the "Celestial City", his true and eternal home. Bunyan wrote 'He who would valiant be' in 1684 as part of Pilgrim's Progress. The words are spoken by Mr Valiant-for-truth to Mr Greatheart:

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

July Church Diary

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

SUN 5th FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.00am All Age Worship
(non-Communion)
12.00pm Baptism Service

Thu 9th 2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting

SUN 12th SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Communion4All
6.00pm Evening Service

SUN 19th SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Holy Communion
Tue 21st 10.00am Holy Communion
and Coffee Morning
Fri 24th 2.00pm Wedding

SUN 26TH EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Holy Communion
(Common Worship)
4.00pm St Oswald's, Coney Hill
Leaving service for Rev Dr Mike Parsons
Fri 31st 1.00pm Wedding

Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound-his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

As you journey throughout July perhaps you will pause occasionally and reflect on the life you have been gifted with and consider your own pilgrimage.

Every blessing..

Christine



The new foodbank collection point in the Post Office has been a great success. Gloucester Foodbank people have been most grateful for increased contributions from this Village. Our coordinator is Diana Way. Please continue to make donations. There is a list of current items needed, at the collecting box. Thanks very much to Shreyas and Krupa Patel for allowing the space at the shop, and supporting the initiative.

Who's Who at the Parish Church

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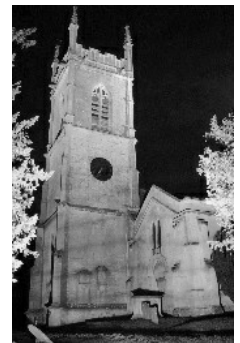
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Evelyn Rumsey

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Naomi Stanley-Gunn

Tower Flood Lighting Sponsorship Details July



The Tower Lights are lit on the 19th July in loving memory of Chantelle on her 18th birthday. With all our love and so many happy memories, from Granny, Nan, Mum and Dad, Daniel, Casey, Derren and Carly.

On Wednesday 22nd July the Tower Lights are being sponsored by Clive and Julie Winstanley in celebration of the 2nd birthday of their grandson, Blake. With love from all the family.

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. 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 any donation this will help us too.

If you would like to sponsor the Church Tower Flood Lights then please contact Matthew Gibbs for more details. Please note that the deadline of the Church News is the 10th of the preceding month.

CHURCH NEWS



The Revd Ian Bussell, Director of Ordinands

Ordination sounds like 'ordered' and 'orderly'. It doesn't really reflect the messiness of our lives, or the riskiness of God. You might wonder at its relevance, or its usefulness. At the ordinations in June in the Cathedral

you will have seen the Church of England at its most gloriously polished, rehearsed, tidied and ordered. As the clergy and Readers process in and out you'd think they do this every day. And there was a new group of clergy being ordained, who have completed their modules in how to walk in twos and wear robes, and who will soon be taking up their very important roles of walking in twos and wearing robes around our towns and country lanes of Gloucestershire. Or maybe not!

The truth is that they leave the cathedral and get stuck in, up to their armpits, in the messiness of life. From feuding families, to grieving parents, from despairing loss of faith to its joyful discovery. They are creating the places where you and I can do what we need to do: touch the eternal, risk loving, express shame, be reconciled, discover community, rage at injustice, let go, and in it all find that Christ walks with us. These are not saints (believe me, I know), in fact we all have our stories to tell, but they are people who are able to believe that God might use them despite their weaknesses, and often because of them.

The orders into which we are ordained free us to serve in a disordered world, not to tidy it up, but to proclaim that the Lord is here, his spirit is with us, not despite the mess, but right in it with us. And before you say 'not me, Lord', just remember, most of us who are ordained have said that at one time or another. If you feel God might be calling you to serve in this way, do give me a ring on 01452 835545.

Vocation in the community

Having a calling or a vocation doesn't necessarily mean that God wants you to be ordained. On 13 September, 47 people will be commissioned as pastoral assistants at a special service in Gloucester Cathedral. Becoming a pastoral assistant gives further training and affirmation for the many who are already carrying out pastoral duties in their home parishes. For more information on this scheme, speak to your parish priest.

Our personal circumstances, passions and gifting, calling may lead us to work outside the Church rather than work within the Church. The Church is called to be salt and light (Matthew 5.14-16): to be mixed in among the people around us in order to season appropriately and to shine light into the darkness.

Pauline Godfrey, in her role as Vocations Officer, welcomes contact from people considering this kind of Christian vocation as well as those considering licenced roles within the church. If you feel God is calling you to something new, contact Pauline on 01452 835548.



Committees volunteers needed

From September, suitable volunteers will be needed to stand on eight key diocesan boards and committees, these include: Audit, Finance, Board of Education, Mission and Pastoral, Houses, Glebe, Nominations and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

Qualifications and experience are of value - and very often, at a premium - but there is also a real need for people with parish experience and a good general understanding of church life. If you feel you are being called to serve and think your skills may be beneficial to any of these committees, visit www.gloucester.anglican.org/about/joinin

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Kids' Page

Summer Facts



Summer is December, January and February in the Southern Hemisphere and June, July, and August in the Northern Hemisphere.

Summer is the season with the longest and warmest days of the year.

Summer is when many crops are grown.

Summer is the time when most children have a long holiday from school.



Jokes

Q. What do you call a fake noodle?
A. An impasta

Q. What is it called when a cat wins a dog show?
A. A CAT-HAS-TROPHY

Q. what happens when a dog swallows a firefly?
A. It barks with de-light

Penguin Fact!

The smallest penguin in the world is called the Little Blue Penguin, nicknamed the fairy penguin.



V.I.K.

(Very Important Kids)



More Jokes

Thanks to David Copestake for the following:

Q: What do you get when you cross a karate expert with a pig?
A: A porkchop

Q: Why are frogs so happy?
A: They eat whatever bugs them

Q: What do you get when you cross a cow with a duck?
A: Milk and quackers

Q: What is the largest building in the world?
A: The library, it has loads of stories

Q: Why is England the wettest country?
A: The Queen has reigned there for ages

Q: Why did the bird go to hospital?
A: To get tweetment

Riddles

Q: Poor people have it, rich people need it, and if you eat it you will die. What is it?

A: Nothing

Q: if I eat I'm fine but if I drink I die! What am I?

A: Fire

Q: I travel all around the world but I always stay in the corner! What am I?

A: A stamp!!



The Legacy of a Lady

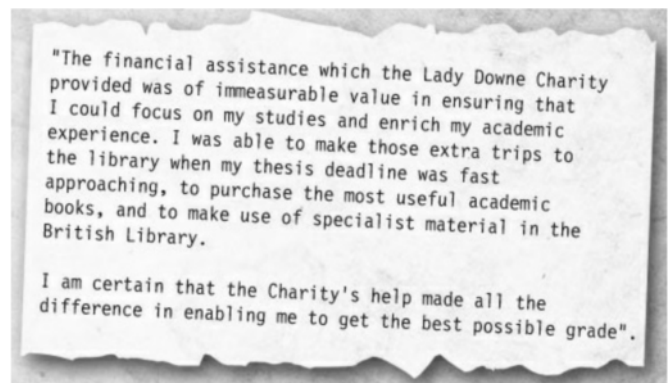
When the Dowager Lady Downe lived at Bowden Hall in the mid 1800s, one of her overriding interests was the education of the children of the village and the development of the village school, which at one time was located within the grounds of the Hall. Then in 1850 she commissioned the magnificent building in front of the Church which was to be home to the school until 1995. Clearly when the Lady Downe Charity was set up in her name it was important that the key provision related to education, even if on a larger scale than she might have imagined, as many of the investments the Charity now owns came from the sale of land for building, the rental income from which she used to provide materials for classes such as sewing.

Now the Charity continues her work in a variety of ways, and in particular makes a major annual grant to help the Village School provide those activities for its pupils which would not normally be funded by the County Council. In recent times the Charity has also supported the new school at Coopers Edge, which lies within what was the parish in 1966 and which, in fact, has a larger proportion of pupils attending from the parish than does Upton School.

We are now at that time of year when forthcoming exam results are at the forefront of students' minds and we can help them towards that important next step. For example, any young person starting their further education, degree or training, qualifies for a grant of £500 towards much needed textbooks, tools or, these days, a laptop. In addition if a young person needs help accessing specialist courses to start or develop their career, we are pleased to be able to offer support. One such person, now very well known to us all, actor Simon Pegg, wrote recently to say that, "without the Lady Downe Trust I simply would not be in the position I am today. It gave me my start and for that I will always be grateful."

Also we have a special scheme called the Lady Downe Award which can be a grant of up to £3000, which is available for young people, usually after further education and under the age of 25, to help them carry out a special project which they

believe will enable them to take a major step forward in their career. These projects often involve foreign travel which can be very expensive. Other students are often required to take placements during their courses which are outside normal student funding, and again we may be able to help. One of the pleasures of being a Trustee is seeing the wide variety of experiences undertaken by young people and of hearing about them on their return. Over the years we have come to the conclusion that a common thread when they apply to us is the range of their ambition and the breadth of their imagination, and it is a delight to help them reach those goals. Louisa Maria, the Dowager Lady Downe, would surely enjoy a reflective smile.



Our website <http://ladydowne.org/> contains a wealth of information about us and also about our work in the relief of hardship, to which I will return on another occasion. An application form can be downloaded from the site.

Colin Freshney, Chairman of Trustees

Lady Downe is buried in the churchyard of St Leonard's Church. In 1982 all the charities she had created were amalgamated to form the Lady Downe Charity, operating under a Scheme set up by the Charity Commission.

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Upton St Leonards People

This month we feature Bob and Ann Tranter

Most of you will know Bob and Ann Tranter, stalwarts of our village for several decades now.

They have provided safe and reliable transportation for school runs, day trippers and late night revellers through Bob's Line. For all this time they've given us, in one way or another, a secure and trustworthy service for which we are most appreciative.

Bob's family goes back 100 years in the village. His father and grandparents lived in Jericho Pitch atop Upton Hill. Bob left school at 15; however he was working long before that. He was often up at the crack of dawn at the tender age of 9 delivering milk with Eunice Price.

In the summertime, he spent most of the holidays with the Prices. He remembers what happy, caring people they were and still has great affection for them and the memories he has of those times. They were based at St Leonard's Well, which was originally a pub, then a house, dating back to the 18th century. Both the well and the house are still there, close to Hatton Court.

Bob's first job after leaving school in 1959 was at LMS Eastgate Railway Station in the telegraph office until 1962. Of course, this building is no longer there and has been replaced by Asda. Whilst there, Bob had to learn Morse Code, in order to communicate with other stations both up and down the line - and he had to be quick!

It is hard to believe that trains ran for so long on this system without the use of modern computers. For this great responsibility and a 44 hour week Bob earned the princely sum of £3 6s 7d, Saturday mornings included!

From the railway Bob went on to Arnold Perrett & Co delivering wines and spirits and so began his love of driving. The financial reward was more than double, at £7 10s a week and no Saturdays! In time Arnold Perrett & Co were bought out by West Country Breweries, who in turn were taken over by Whitbreads. Twenty years later Bob took redundancy and moved to Fine Fare, driving forklifts. After a further 9 years and another redundancy, **Bob's Line** was born.

It goes without saying but I'm going to say it anyway - behind every successful entrepreneur is a woman!! Bob acknowledges Ann as his soul mate, rock and unwavering supporter throughout their lives together.



Bob and Ann met at Hatherley School at the age of 14, got engaged at 17, married at 21 and celebrated their Golden Wedding on 12th June this year. They were married at the newly built St Aldate's church in Finlay Road and started

their life together in Seymour Road. They 'came home' to Upton in 1975 and have been immersed in village life ever since.

In 1983 Bob proposed having a Bingo evening at the BMI which has injected both community spirit and support for the village. He was both Bingo caller and committee member for 24 years! Ann was a big part of this too and their legacy is still evident today as there are many who still attend the ever popular Wednesday evening Bingo sessions.

'Daisy' the Donkey

This photo shows Bob's grandfather on his transport - (the



first Bob's Line?) which ferried him to work at Roberts Toy Factory in Upton Street, Gloucester where he toiled from 6am to 6pm, six days a week.

The donkey cart was purchased after his grandfather trudged through heavy snow one winter's day all the way from Upton Hill to Gloucester only to find the factory gates had closed on him at 6.02 am. This trek was done twice a day. We wonder where he parked the donkey?

Ann and Bob have 2 children, Nick and Mark, and 2 grandchildren; family is everything. Ann says they've had a good life together and one little-known fact is that Bob



The Tranters ... continued

enjoys writing poetry. We hope that we can include one of his poems in another edition of USL Life, especially as some of his poems have been published.

Bob's Line is still actively up and running, albeit on a smaller scale. Ann is now taking a well earned break. They both would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported them, for their patronage over the years.

In return, on behalf of us all, we would like to wish you both a very Happy Golden Wedding and wish you Good Luck and happiness in the future.

Thank you Ann and Bob for playing such a pivotal role in the lives of so many villagers.

Linda Munnoch

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The Village Day ... Continued from page 1

At the Village Green we were treated to a display of maypole dancing by the schoolchildren and Morris dancing by Styx, who encouraged spectators to take part. The children at the maypole had been coached by Stephen Rowley for weeks before, and their performance was fantastic. We were also entertained by a steel band "Pantastic" and a samba band "Batida", and there was music from a steam organ, courtesy of Robert from Selim Smith.

During the afternoon other treats were available for everyone, from Hook-a-Duck for the younger children to a skittles competition for the mums and dads in the the BMI. Mike Stratford organised a treasure hunt. The jugglers and stilt walkers were very entertaining and several children attended the circus workshops during the day.

The bouncy castle, face painting and coconut shy were all popular. And "Septic Peg", our local mystic, was on hand to read fortunes. There were also several exhibitions during the afternoon including zumba, art, tai chi and fitness training, pétanque and vintage cars which all added to the fun.



Morris dancers Styx of Stroud - looking a trifle scary!



Rain prevented many of the children's races which was a shame, as many wanted to take part, but "Beat the Goalie" was popular, as was "Biggles" the model aircraft kindly loaned to us for the day by the Jet Age Museum at Staverton, with David Hunt being the Wing Commander in charge.

There were many dogs in the family dog show, and although most looked a little bedraggled in the rain, it was nice to see so many people entering the classes.

The Scouts did a splendid job keeping up a supply of tasty hot-dogs, and those with a sweet tooth were amply provided for with a special stall of homemade sweets by Twyver WI and others. In addition there was popcorn and Pimms available and the ice cream stall.

Upton WI provided refreshments during the afternoon,

including home-made cakes, tea, coffee and squash, with help from the Girl Guides.

All too soon the afternoon came to an end with the prize-giving and raffle. It had been a fun packed day and for some it did not end there, with the dancing in the village hall starting at 7.30.

"We took our grandchildren, and they had a marvellous time. They were fascinated by the Morris dancers, and they really loved the Circus Skills demonstrations - congratulations to the man leading those, he was brilliant with the children. They thought the "Biggles" plane was great fun and were intrigued by being allowed inside the ambulance."

The Village Day Continued

The Village Day Committee hopes that everyone had a memorable afternoon. Planning is starting for next year and the Committee is looking for volunteers who may like to help with ideas and to take part so that next year's Village Day can be even bigger and better!



Thank You!

The Village Day was made possible through the magnificent efforts of a hard working committee:

Carol Evans
Paula Quinn
Keith Pearson
Jackie Lord

The committee would like to express their thanks to others who gave time and skills and materials:

"The tea room was heaving with customers, coming inside to dodge the showers. I loved the musical sounds: the band accompanying the maypole and Morris dancing, the steel band, the steam organ. There were some very good paintings on display. I noticed Sally had a bit of a hard time selling ice-cream when it was raining! But the showers were short-lived and business perked up in the gaps."

Stephen Rowley - Maypole tuition
Cottia Howard & the School
James Bowne - Photography and judging the Best Hat Competition
Darren Bourne - Traffic management and First Aid
Anytime Castles
Lucy Bridges - Facepainting
Dian Longley - Fortune Teller
David Hunt, Jet Age Museum
Mike Stratford - Treasure Hunt
Pantastic Steel Band
Batida Samba Band
Upton WI - Refreshments
Twyver WI - Sweets
Chipmunks - Car Parking
Badminton Club
Paul Baker & Scouts - Hotdogs and Tents
Rachel Willerton & Girl Guides
Get Together Club
Pétanque Club
Mike Blanch - Skittles
Andy Clay - Circus Acts
Styx of Stroud Morris Men
Regina Spence - Zumba Demo
Deb Locke - PT Demo
Animal Magic Dog Show
Tai Chi
Rev Christine Birkett
Jill Fleming - Painting
Mr Skelton - Painting
Walls Ice Cream
Portway Farm shop - Sausages
Nicky and her team at Playgroup
Rob at Selim Smith - Steam Organ
Bleeding Hearts Band
Dave's Disco
Church members: Rachel Hall, Sheila Thomas, Hazel Day and Pauline Sugden - evening party food

Pictures, clockwise from the left: Some of the hats on display, Chairman Carol announcing, "Biggles" the model aircraft, umbrellas in one of the rain showers, and the Selim Smith steam organ.



... and apologies because with so many people helping, some names are surely missing, inadvertently, from this list.

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

VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

1	Wed	Pilates	Pavilion	9.30-10.30a.m.
1	Wed	Stitchers	Pavilion	10.30-12.30p.m.
1	Wed	Wednesday Probus	B.M.I.	10.00a.m.1
1	Wed	Pavilion Painters	Pavilion	2.00-4.00p.m.
1	Wed	Bingo	B.M.I.	8.00p.m.
1	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30-9.30p.m.
1	Wed	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	8.00-9.30p.m.
2	Thu	Senior Circuits	Pavilion	9.30-10.15a.m.
2	Thu	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	9.30-10.30a.m.
2	Thu	Painting & Drawing	Village Hall Annex	7.00-9.00p.m.
2	Thu	Zumba	Village Hall	7.30-8.30p.m.
6	Mon	Yoga	Village Hall Annex	10.00-11.30a.m.
6	Mon	Yoga	Village Hall Annex	12.15-1.45p.m.
6	Mon	Zumba	Upton St Leonards School	6.30-7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions)	Village Hall Annex	6.00-7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI	Village Hall	7.30-10.00p.m.
6	Mon	Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion	7.30p.m.
7	Tue	Tuesday Probus	B.M.I.	10.00a.m.
7	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.30-10.30p.m.
8	Wed	Pilates	Pavilion	9.30-10.30a.m.
8	Wed	Second Wednesdays	Village Green	9.30a.m.
8	Wed	Stitchers	Pavilion	10.30-12.30p.m.
8	Wed	Pavilion Painters	Pavilion	2.00-4.00p.m.
8	Wed	Bingo	B.M.I.	8.00p.m.
8	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30-9.30p.m.
8	Wed	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	8.00-9.30p.m.
9	Thu	Senior Circuits	Pavilion	9.30-10.15a.m.
9	Thu	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	9.30-10.30a.m.
9	Thu	Zumba	Village Hall	7.30-8.30p.m.
10	Fri	Copy date for August issue of USL Life		
12	Sun	Playgroup Summer Fair	Village Hall	12.00-3.00p.m.
13	Mon	Yoga	Village Hall Annex	10.00-11.30a.m.
13	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions)	Village Hall Annex	6.00-7.30p.m.
13	Mon	Twyver WI	Village Hall	7.30-10.00p.m.
13	Mon	Zumba	Upton St Leonards School	6.30-7.30p.m.
14	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.30-10.30p.m.
15	Wed	Pilates	Pavilion	9.30-10.30a.m.
15	Wed	Stitchers	Pavilion	10.30-12.30p.m.
15	Wed	Wednesday Probus	B.M.I.	10.00a.m.
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15	Wed	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	8.00-9.30p.m.
16	Thu	Senior Circuits	Pavilion	9.30-10.15a.m.
16	Thu	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	9.30-10.30a.m.
16	Thu	History Group - Memories of Upton, and AGM	Village Hall	7.30-9.00p.m.
19	Sun	Playgroup "Zumbathon"	Village Hall	10.00-12.00p.m.
20	Mon	Yoga	Village Hall Annex	10.00-11.30a.m.
20	Mon	Zumba	Upton St Leonards School	6.30-7.30p.m.
20	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions)	Village Hall Annex	6.00-7.30p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club	Village Hall	7.30-9.30p.m.
21	Tue	Tuesday Probus	B.M.I.	10.00a.m.
21	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.30-10.30p.m.
22	Wed	Pilates	Pavilion	9.30-10.30a.m.
22	Wed	Ladies Probus	B.M.I.	10.15a.m.
22	Wed	Stitchers	Pavilion	10.30-12.30p.m.
22	Wed	Pavilion Painters	Pavilion	2.00-4.00p.m.
22	Wed	Bingo	B.M.I.	8.00p.m.
22	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics	Village Hall	7.30-9.30p.m.
22	Wed	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	8.00-9.30p.m.
23	Thu	Senior Circuits	Pavilion	9.30-10.15a.m.
23	Thu	Tai Chi	Village Hall Annex	9.30-10.30a.m.
23	Thu	Zumba	Village Hall	7.30-8.30p.m.
25	Sat	Music Quiz	B.M.I.	8.00p.m.
27	Mon	Yoga	Village Hall Annex	10.00-11.30a.m.
27	Mon	Zumba	Upton St Leonards School	6.30-7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions)	Village Hall Annex	6.00-7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club	Village Hall	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Trustees Meeting		
28	Tue	Badminton	Village Hall	8.30-10.30p.m.

29	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
29	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
29	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
29	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
29	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
29	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
29	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
30	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
30	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
30	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

AUGUST

3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
8	Sat	Annual Pig Roast.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Mon	Copy date for September issue of USL Life		
12	Wed	Second Wednesdays.....	Village Green.....	9.30a.m.
17	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
19	Wed	Ladies Probus - Walk &/or Coffee @ Rococo Gardens		
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

SEPTEMBER

7	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
9	Wed	Second Wednesdays.....	Village Green.....	9.30a.m.
10	Thu	Copy date for October issue of USL Life		
12	Sat	Upton St Leonards Flower Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00p.m.
14	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
17	Thu	History Group - Roman Gloucester.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
21	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
24	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
25	Fri	McMillans Coffee Morning.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
28	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
28	Mon	Lady Downe Charity		
30	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.

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Update on the Parish Council WW1 Commemoration Project

In previous months we have provided brief details of the men whose anniversary of death is being remembered.

Regular readers will know that we have been remembering the men of Upton in the month of the centenary of their death. Our next anniversaries are in 2016 so in the interim we will be focusing on some related items.

Of the 37 names on the Village War Memorial which relate to World War One, 12 men have no known grave and are remembered on memorials in France and Belgium.

In late May, my wife Penny and I took part in an organised "Battlefield Tour" of the WW1 sites in France and Belgium. It was a memorable visit. Penny's great-grandfather was killed climbing out of his tank in July 1917 and we visited his grave at Hooze in Belgium. We were also privileged to visit the large memorials to the fallen at Menin, Tyne Cot and Thiepval and laid a wreath at each of the sites remembering those men from Upton named there on panels according to the regiment they served in.

At the Menin Gate (Ypres) are named Henry Panter, George Avery Arthur Birchall, Walter Ireland, Ernest Phelps, Francis Smith.

At Thiepval (in France) to the Missing of the Somme are recorded Francis Spring, Reuben Lloyd, Sydney Millard.

At Tyne Cot, the largest Allied cemetery in the world, are named Lewis Lloyd, Arthur Rice and Edwin Mills.

Our April article featured information about Arthur Birchall who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Fusiliers attached to the 4th Battalion Canadian Infantry and died on 24 April 1915. The Germans used gas for the first time and the Canadians, using make-shift gas masks, held the German advance. Arthur was killed in the battle near St Julien, and the Canadians have erected

a stunning memorial "The Brooding Soldier" to the 2000 men who fell and are buried nearby; Arthur's body was never found.

We will provide more details of those who died in 1916-18 in future editions of USL Life. I was able to photograph all the names of the Upton men and as part of our WW1 Commemoration Project will be creating a section of the Parish Website as a record and will save the images there in due course.

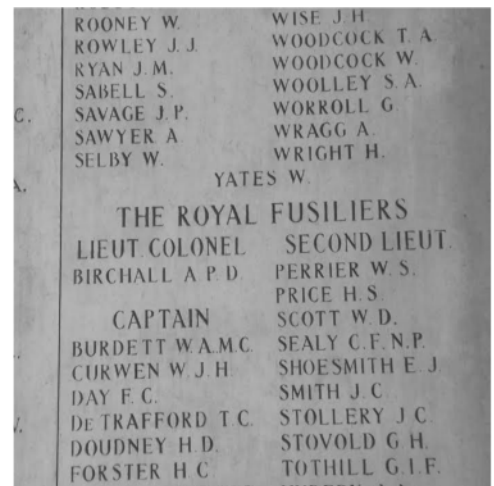
PHOTOS:

1. Arthur Charles Rice – Sergeant 1st Bn Gloucestershire Regt - remembered at Tyne Cot
2. The Brooding Soldier – Canadian Memorial at St Julien
3. Lieut Colonel Arthur Percival Dearman Birchall – Royal Fusiliers - Menin Gate Panel

Please let us know what more you may find out about the 37 men listed on our War Memorial; we aim to publish details in a small booklet and on the Parish website in due course.

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