

Upton St Leonards Life incorporating Church News

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CRICKET COUP

Darren Gough (England and Yorkshire) will play in the Lord's Taverners XI v Upton St Leonards Cricket match on 21st July. Darren will also be the speaker at the Black Tie Charity Dinner to be held at USL school at 7.30pm.

Come and watch Darren Gough and other Stars play!

Spectators are very welcome

As this is a Charity Fundraising Event we ask that people coming to watch make a donation (we suggest at least £5) on the day at the Recreation Ground.



LORD'S TAVERNERS
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THE LORD'S TAVERNERS CRICKET DAY

FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017
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See Darren Gough, England, Jon Desborough, Sky, plus other celebrities.



TICKET PRICE:

- VIP package- £40 per person

TO INCLUDE:

- Lunch and Tea with Lord's Taverners
- Seat

Standard entry to the ground is by making a donation.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- "Own a team" - customise team shirts with company logo.
- Table of 10 with the Lord's Taverners
- Team photograph and eye catching PR opportunities

TIMES:

- Lunch - 12.50
- Match starts - 14.00



See the back page for a poster about the Charity Dinner which follows the cricket match.

The Lord's Taverners raise funds for disability sport and play spaces as well as accessible mini-buses.

Funds raised on 21st July will complete the collection for yet another minibus, to go to a disabled group in our area.



This edition of USL Life and all previous editions can be seen on line at usllife.org.uk

Letters to the Editor



Last week I had cause to ask at the local shop for several unusual items including gluten free biscuits and gluten free bread flour, both of which they had! How fortunate we are to have access to such a wide array of goods plus the excellent postal facilities they offer - especially when you consider that many other nearby villages have lost theirs.

A few sums have shown that the current incumbents will have been at the shop for 500 days at the end of June. It is clear that the owners are very amenable to stock a wide range of goods and would stock more if customers were only to ask.

Long may we continue to support our local shop and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Meg James

Twyver WI

A particularly rousing rendition of Jerusalem was sung at our June meeting, largely due to our speaker, John Green, who provided the music. After the customary notices were given out, John and his two assistants, Arthur and Helen showed us a series of films of bygone Gloucester, spanning the decades from the 1940's right through to 2010.

Many Gloucester traditions were shown and some still continue to this day such as the cheese rolling event on the Spring bank holiday and the newly revived Elver Eating competition at Frampton.

It was also interesting to see how our daily lives have changed. Flying from Staverton in the early 50's on holiday to Hurn, male passengers wore suits and ties! Equally when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh made their first visit to Gloucester in May 1955, for the 800th anniversary of the granting of the city's first Royal Charter, nearly every female was wearing a hat!

Next month's speakers are Carol and Malcolm Brown who will talk to us about Songs from Light Opera to Modern Music.

Visitors can always be assured of a warm welcome.

Upton St. Leonards WI

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jerusalem was sung. Birthday cards were given.

There is a walk starting at Corse, hosted by Staunton and District, 2nd September. A visit to the Friends Meeting House, Cirencester in September. A talk about Richard III who was also Duke of Gloucester on 14th September. Crochet for beginners 21st September at WI House. Rounders Tournament 10th September. We had a very nice luncheon at the Beacon 16th May, our next one is at The Aviator 9th June, 12:30. We lost our skittles match for the WI Cup and now compete for the WI Plate. We will be playing against Longhope.

Our class at the September show is a decorated shoebox containing tins or dried food and toiletries and socks for the homeless, to be donated to Newton House. We then welcomed Sandra Ashenford who had brought unusual objects for us to guess what they were. There was much discussion and guesswork going on as we looked and handled them!! As she gave the answers she also described how and when they were used. It was very interesting. Next month's talk is entitled "Carson and I". Visitors always welcome.

Diane Thomas



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What's been happening in Upton?



Earlier in the Spring during an evening bell ringing practice, Roger Fry was presented with an engraved bell and lantern from his fellow bell ringers in recognition of his long service as Tower Captain.

Light refreshments were provided and a very pleasant evening was had by all who attended.

Church bell ringing is a very enjoyable pastime and if you are interested in finding out more, please come along on a Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm or contact Charlie Burnett for further information.

An article on bell ringing will follow in a future issue

Why learn to bell ring?

1. Make friends around the world
2. Develop a lifelong learning experience
3. Maintain a traditional skill
4. Provide a service to the church and the general community
5. Take part in a team activity
6. Share stories and receive support (not just about ringing) and friendship in the pub after practice
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What's been happening in Upton cont'd?



Probus Garden Party - Summer Arrives



Nearly 50 members and wives of Upton Twyver Probus thoroughly enjoyed an evening Garden Party at the home of their President and his wife, Paul and Diana Rosewell, early in June.

Weather is everything for an outside event and it had been very changeable for weeks before, but on the day it was warm, dry and just great! An enormous amount of preparation had been done with two gazebos borrowed from Richard Owen and Paul Mantle to join those already there and additional tables and chairs borrowed from Derek Ellson.



The cheese and wine was organised along traditional lines by the ladies; Diana, Anita, Sue and Genevieve. This being the day after the General Election there was plenty of chat mostly along the lines of 'What happens next?'

Most people enjoyed a tense game of Boules and the most hardy stayed out until late on into the evening and it seemed that summer had finally arrived.

USL 'LIFERS' - SUMMER SKITTLES LEAGUE



The Summer Skittles League kicked off on 8th June for the Lifers; at the BMI, with seven matches to play.

Our first opponents were Sarah's Gang - last year's winners - a team which plays in the Gloucestershire League, so a tough challenge. However our final score of 260 to their 297 was not too shabby, considering that most of the Lifers play a couple of times a year.



What's been happening in Upton cont'd?

The race night on Saturday 20th May at the BMI was the last event in the past twelve months when funds were raised for "Longfield" in memory of Jenny Long.



LONGFIELD

*Living well with
life-limiting illness*

The evening itself was a lot of fun and a total of £440 was raised on the night. Special thanks to people who sponsored five of the races; Mrs Evelyn Rumsey, Mr Mike Long, Mrs Joanna Payne, Mr Mike Barry from Major Shine and Mr Mike Quinn from Quickmac Engineering.

A total amount of £1678.50 has been raised by the members of the BMI and a cheque has now been forwarded to Longfield.

This has been a tremendous effort and all members who have contributed to the weekly bonus ball competition or attended the various events including quizzes and raffles should be congratulated.

Paula Quinn

2017
ELECTION **The Results**



The final results were as follows:

Labour - David Drew – 29,994 votes – 47 per cent
Conservative – Neil Carmichael – 29,307 votes – 45.92 per cent
Liberal Democrat – Max Wilkinson – 2,053 votes – 3.2 per cent
Green Party – Sarah Lunnon – 1,423 votes – 2.2 per cent

Overall turnout: 77 per cent

Public Consultation on Village Improvements

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who made time to visit the Pavilion on Thursday, 15 June and gave their input on improvement ideas submitted by village residents.

The Parish Council will review the ideas at their July meeting and an update on next steps will be included in the August edition of USL Life.

Peter Wilson

Environment Lead, USL Parish Council

What's coming up in Upton

The BMI Annual Pig Roast



Saturday 12th August 2017

7.30 pm

Come and Join Us for
Good Food, Great Company,
A Few Drinks and a Wonderful Evening

Upton St Leonards Show Saturday 9th September

*** New for 2017 ***

There will be a Produce Table



Any donations of produce from your allotments, or preserves, plants etc. would be gratefully appreciated for sale on the day

50% of the proceeds will go to the Foodbank

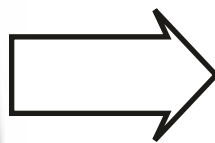
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Needed**

Do you have a few hours to spare?

On Saturday 9th September the Upton Show is looking for helpers on the day.

This could be for a couple of hours in the morning getting tables and chairs sorted, or helping to run the Tombola or selling ice creams in the afternoon, helping dismantle stalls etc.

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What's coming up in Upton cont'd

Summer Quiz

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with Eric @ 8.00 pm

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BMI charity for 2017 – 2018

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THE AIR AMBULANCE**

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Wanted Pre-loved Teddies

Do you have any pre-loved “Teddies” that may be looking for a new home? There will be a “Teddy Tombola” at the Upton St Leonards Show on Saturday 9th September and we are looking for any donations of teddy bears in good condition.

Contact Dom Everiss



The UpStagers

*Invite you to join them for a
One-act Play,
followed by a Quiz*

on

**Thursday 31st August,
Friday 1st &
Saturday 2nd September**

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Upton Village Hall

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Refreshments/Bar available

Booking arrangements and format will be
published in the next edition of USL Life

Upton St Leonards

**Community Speed Watch
Meeting will take place next month**

Discussions will take place with the
Highways Team with a view to reducing
the speed limit through the village to

20 mph

Look out for further news in future editions



Tru-Cuts - A New Village Hairdressing Business



Tuesday, 6th June saw the official opening of our new village hairdressers, Tru Cuts.

Both Trudy Cooper, the proprietor and Debbie Evans previously worked at the 'Level 1' hairdressing salon in Abbeymead before becoming self-employed. Trudy left 'Level 1' seven years ago and Debbie three years ago, to concentrate on running their own mobile hairdressing business. Trudy specialises in cutting whilst Debbie specialises in colouring.

It had long been a wish to establish a hairdressing salon in Upton and the pair are delighted to have found their dream location in the former premises of the Clothes Press.

Trudy's partner Mike, who runs his own glazing company, set about gutting the interior to make it both a welcoming and comfortable salon. The old blinds are gone and a new frosted window has been installed to provide a measure of openness whilst still offering the clients a level of privacy. Even the basins are partially concealed from the main entrance, once again to provide some seclusion.

Both Trudy and Debbie have received numerous cards wishing them success in their new venture and they have been overwhelmed by the friendliness and support they have received.



They are keen to provide a service to the entire family. They cater for all age groups, starting with young children for which they provide booster seats and special cowboy and fairy gowns to make the whole experience of visiting the hairdressers fun; they even provide colouring books. Apart from the usual services, they also specialise in Prom and Wedding hair and offer concessions a 10% discount.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you.

Price List

Wet cut	£16.50
Dry cut	£15.00
Cut finish	£30 - £35
Blow Dry	£15 - £20
Full Head Tint	£59
Semi Permanent	£49
Re touch Tint	£54
Specialist Colour from	£70
Full Head Foils	£59
T-Section Foils	£59
Roots between foils+	£10
Curled	£15
Hair up from	£20
Mens	£10 - £12
Kids	£5 - £10
Concessions	10%

Opening Times

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9.15 – 5pm
Wednesday	9.15 – 7pm
Thursday	9.15 – 5pm
Friday	9.15 – 7pm
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Revd Clodagh writes . .

How hopeful are you feeling? If you had to give yourself a number on a scale of 1-10, what would it

be? It would not be surprising if after all the negativity surrounding the election campaign and the uncertainty surrounding its outcome, alongside the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London you're feeling more fearful than you were a month ago.

On the other hand after the terrorist attacks we have heard some amazing stories of courage, loving kindness and compassion as strangers came to the aid of those who had been injured and of families, friends and communities who have gathered to support and encourage one another: loving actions overcoming hatred and fear.

On Sunday last we, along with Anglicans around the world, celebrated Trinity Sunday. The Sunday when we acknowledge and celebrate that Almighty God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It's a challenging concept and if you are mathematically minded it's not $1+1+1 = 3$ rather it is more like $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$.

The early Christian Church had to find a way of identifying the very nature of God as found in Scripture and they identified the reality of God as Trinity: God as three persons in one.

Nowadays our understanding of the word 'person' is very different from the way the word was understood by the culture which surrounded the early church. Now, when we speak of three persons we think of three individuals separate and distinctive able to stand apart because of their own uniqueness.

Those who first spoke of God as three persons in one, lived in a culture where the only way to be identified as a person was by being identified by your relationship to others. The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit could only be identified by their relationship to one another. So to talk of one God in three persons describes an interdependent, loving, interwoven relationship through which God exists and from which love overflows for the whole world.

So what I hear you ask has the Trinity got to do with hope?

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday 2nd

8.00am Communion (BCP) (Revd David Eady)
10.00am Family Service with Baptism
(Revd Ian Calder)

Tuesday 6th

9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer (Revd Clodagh)
9.50-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Sunday 9th

10.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)

Monday 10th

9.00am Coopers Edge School at church

Tuesday 11th

9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer (Revd Clodagh)
9.50-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat
2.30pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 16th

No morning service here.
11.00am Eucharist and Ordination of Deacons,
including James Turk, at the Cathedral
6.00pm Communion (Revd Clodagh)

Tuesday 18th

9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer (Revd Clodagh)
9.50-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Thursday 20th

2.30pm Mothers' Union - tea and chat at
13 Perry Orchard

Sunday 23rd

10.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)
with welcome to Revd James Turk

Tuesday 25th

9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer (Revd Clodagh)
9.50-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Sunday 30th

10.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)

*Welcome to Revd
James Turk*

See the next page

The story of God the Trinity is the story where we can find the hope that is so often absent in our lives. God's story of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, love overflowing which lead to God the Father sending Jesus the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit to give his life and rise from the dead so that every sin, every hurt, every division and every evil action could be overcome through love: God's self-giving love overcoming even death.

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CHURCH NEWS

Welcome to Revd James Turk!



It is with great delight that we will be welcoming a second new minister to St Leonard's, and within only three months of Revd Clodagh's arrival! James Turk will be ordained at Gloucester Cathedral on the 16th July and he joins us to serve as a Curate, training under Clodagh's leadership. James will share in the mission and ministry of the church in Upton and in Cooper's Edge. We invited James to introduce himself:

"My name is James Turk and I have the honour, and privilege, of introducing myself to you as the new curate serving in the parish of Upton St Leonards. I am 44 years old (nearly 45) and this city has been my home for all of my life. I am married to Sarah and we have two boys Oliver (12) and Joshua (10) and before joining the parish we worshipped at St Barnabas church Tuffley. I grew up in Tuffley and after leaving school I completed an engineering apprenticeship, I have been in engineering ever since. I am also a keen musician and I play (when time allows) piano and guitar semi-professionally in a local band.

For three years now I have been studying for the priesthood at West of England Ministerial Training Centre which is based at Redcliffe College in Gloucester. The formal academic studying is now nearly at an end, and the family and I are very much looking forward to joining the Rev Clodagh Ingram and the community at Upton after my ordination in July. Getting ready for ordination is very exciting, and a little daunting, but what I am looking forward to the most is getting to know the people of this very pretty village and sharing in the life of the community as your curate. Most Sunday mornings I will be in the church and I hope to be a recognisable face in the village from mid July onwards, so if you do see me around the village then do please stop to introduce yourself.

Along with Sarah, Oliver and Joshua, I look forward to seeing many of you very soon.

God bless

James Turk

Revd Clodagh writes . . (Continued from the previous page)

Significant moments in life, such as the moment we heard about the attack in Manchester can be occasions when we draw closer to God but just when we most feel the need to connect we can become painfully aware of our guilt and shame and that the distance between ourselves and God is unbridgeable. And yet when we encounter God's love demonstrated through Jesus, when we are touched by God's love, we know that our lives have been transformed forever. Through God's initiative our life is transformed and rather than knowing ourselves to be

distant onlookers - we come to know ourselves as participants, caught up into God's story of love and filled with hope whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in, or whatever is happening in the world around us.

If you're feeling hopeless the God of love offers you hope and love and life in all its fullness.

Clodagh

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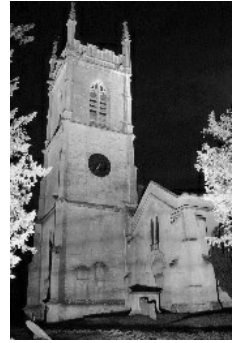
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CHURCH NEWS

Tower Floodlight Sponsorship - July

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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 Jenny Cunningham. There is no set amount for sponsoring, 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. To get the announcement here in time, please note that the deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.



Quinquennial Inspection - update

We are making slow but steady progress with the many maintenance tasks identified at the 2014 Quinquennial Inspection, but there remain 23 more tasks to do, including, of course, 6 very expensive ones. For these we will require a grant and have applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We are hoping for good news about this by the time this newsletter is printed.

Our target is to complete all the work by 2019 when we are due for another examination.

One important task is re-pointing outer walls to protect against water ingress. Alan Gresswell has volunteered, but this is a big task and we need one or two more volunteers to help. The work involves intricate pointing using lime mortar, under the guidance of our surveyor David Newton.

If you are interested please contact me or Alan.

Mike Blanch

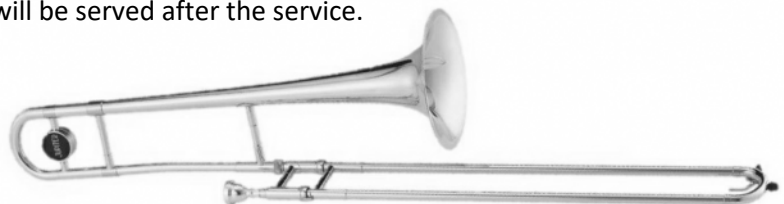


Songs of Praise on the Village Green Sunday 20th August at 6pm

Once again we will welcome the community and neighbouring churches to our annual Songs Of Praise service on the Village Green at Upton St. Leonards on Sunday 20 August at 6pm. The music will be led once again by Gloucester Brass conducted by Mark Knight.

This will be the fourth year we have all got together for an outdoor service, which has proved very popular. Last year the weather was against us and the "Village Green" had to be replaced by a service inside the Church. Hope for brighter weather this year.....!

Refreshments will be served after the service.



A date for your diary . . .

Saturday 30th September

A Concert by

THE STUART SINGERS

In the Village Hall

7.30pm

In aid of the Church Building Fund

More details in next month's USL Life

ABOUT THE STUART SINGERS

Founded in 1992 and based in Minchinhampton in Gloucestershire, the Stuart Singers give about a dozen concerts a year, raising money for local charities and deserving causes. The Choir comprises 62 voices in 4 parts and we sing a wide and constantly changing repertoire spanning spirituals, theatre, sacred and secular, classical and modern. In 24 years, the Stuart Singers have helped raise over £230,000 for charity and good causes either through our own concerts - which are held twice a year at Minchinhampton and attract audiences of 300-500 - or through singing at events organised by the charities and good causes themselves. We sing throughout Gloucestershire and further afield, including trips abroad. Our repertoire and the fact that we sing without the aid of sheet music makes our performances exciting and stimulating to watch. Under Musical Director, Helen Sims, the choir is evolving whilst maintaining our community and fund raising roles and demonstrating and sharing the educational and therapeutic value of music. We are always keen to attract new singers. We rehearse on a Thursday night in Minchinhampton School. If interested come and join us from 7pm or contact our Marketing Secretary Leonora Rozee on leonora.rozee@gmail.com.

**Who's Who at the Parish Church****Priest-in-Charge:**

Revd Clodagh Ingram

Clodagh is available to be contacted
Sundays through to Wednesdays.

Curate Colleague (from 23 July):

Revd James Turk

Churchwardens:

- 1 Keith Robbins
- 2 Rachel Hall

PCC Secretary:

Roy Roberts

Church Treasurer:

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Baptism & Wedding Enquiries:**Church Administrator:**

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Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

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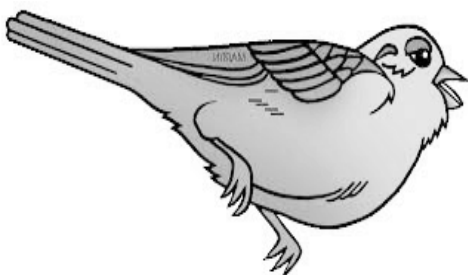
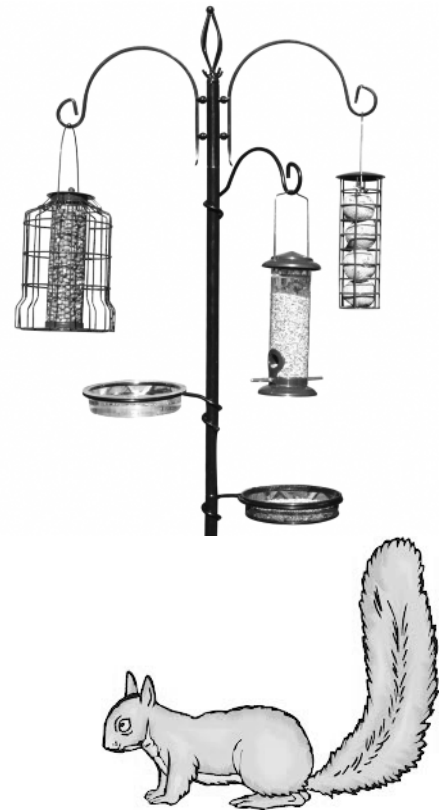
Our Feathered Friends

Now the birds that come into my garden
Are mostly Magpies, jackdaws and crows;
There's a robin or two and the sparrows number but a few,
And the rest, well we don't see none of those.

So I put up a 'station' to feed all creation
With fatballs and nutbags and things;
So without further ado I hoped me and you
Would soon hear the fluttering of wings.

Now with birdseed in a dish that looked very swish,
And peanuts threaded on a string,
A half coconut was the last thing I put,
And I reckoned that was everything.
I sat back and waited to see if what I'd created
Would have the desired effect.

But along came old 'Cyril',
That destructive grey squirrel,
And now my bird table's been wrecked!



Poems courtesy of Ted Gardner

Where is the Skylark?

I've often stopped and wondered why
What makes the skylark fly so high,
Soaring heavenwards on tiny wings,
Veers left and right he continues to sing,
Till reaching the apex of his climb,
Still singing loudly all the time.

He decides that downward he must go,
In a steady descent fluttering to and fro;
No other bird can share his song,
Or rise up singing all day long,
But where is the skylark now I say,
I've not heard his song for many a day!

The call of the Yellowhammer and the twitter of the
Linnet,
Are also gone from Upton's limits;
Remembering back when as a lad,
The sound of birdsong was all we had,
Each one we heard and recognised,
We knew their song, their habit and size.

Where are they now I ponder and sigh,
Did we drive them away when we modernized?
Was it really progress?

Featuring The Barnwood Trust; Part 2

1946

In this further article about the best and least well known of Gloucestershire charitable trusts, we continue the story of the **Barnwood Trust** from where we left off in 1946.

1955

Having obtained exemption from the NHS nationalisation programme, the hospital was free to continue its charitable work, including in-house research into the treatment of mental illness in partnership with the Burden Neurological Institute in Bristol. The work of this team of researchers was acclaimed in the USA with the award of a research fellowship by the Ford Foundation in 1955.

Ironically, the costs arising from the research team and the loss of income from the declining numbers of people needing long hospital stays (due to more effective medication) and fewer inpatients willing to pay for their care were to lead to the hospital's financial decline.

1967

The far-reaching post-war social, economic and political changes resulted in the Trustees' decision in 1967 to close the hospital and find a new direction. Arrangements were made for the dispersal of patients while a few were relocated to the Manor House (on the corner of Barnwood Road and North Upton Lane) which operated as a nursing home.

1969

By 1969 the sale of the main hospital was completed and work began on the disposal of other properties and many acres of agricultural land. This programme of dispersal coincided with the City of Gloucester's need for expansion of industrial and residential development and delivered substantial financial gain to the Trust.

These funds were invested and still produce the charity's income today.

1970s

The Trust updated its Objects once again to embrace those with physical, sensory and learning disabilities in addition to those with mental health problems. In the 1970s, with its newly acquired wealth, the Trustees decided to develop a sheltered housing scheme within the grounds of the Manor House and – as the nursing home was no longer needed – a day care centre within the house itself.

Both activities were heavily subsidised by the charity from the income arising from the now invested proceeds of the land sales.

1980s

Gradually a surplus of income built up and in the 1980s the Trustees began to take their first steps in making grants from those surplus funds.

Not only were grants made to individuals and organisations which met the criteria but also for external medical research. Over a ten year period the Trust donated £millions for research into Alzheimer's disease and spinal cord injury. At its peak of grant-making, the Trust disbursed a £1 million annually, most of which went into Gloucestershire.

The Trustees established various sub-committees to handle the expanding workload and created a team of over 20 volunteer home visitors and trustees who visited individuals and organisations seeking the charity's help. Grant-making on this scale continued into the early 21st century.

Meanwhile the costs of running the day home and sheltered housing grew while support from local

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authorities which contributed towards rent, supported housing costs and day care fees reduced year on year.

BARNWOOD TRUST

This meant an ever-increasing level of subsidy was necessary to keep the facilities and services up to standard. Once again the Trustees were faced with a decision about the future viability of the service side of its operations.

Management of the sheltered housing was outsourced to another charity, as was the day care home. The grant-making and administration offices moved out of the Manor House to premises in Ullenwood.

However, grants to individuals and organisations continue to this day. A new ten year plan has been introduced (**You're Welcome Project**) to enable people with disabilities to take charge of their own lives and develop opportunities to help themselves through community programmes and workshops.

For further information about its work, see www.barnwoodtrust.org.uk

Chris Ellson

Who's your Grandfather?

This is an intriguing story of delving into family history, losing the track, then coming up with an amazing coincidence!

Richard West moved to the Gloucester area in 1974 after being moved by his firm to work in Cheltenham. He first lived in Brockworth and subsequently moved to Upton St Leonards in 1990, and is now living on Bondend Road.

Let's let Richard take up the story:

"I was born in Gowerton, a village 5 miles from Swansea. My grandfather was Richard George Banks and his 1910 Marriage Certificate (in the Gowerton area, to my grandmother, a local girl) showed him as being born around 1884. But Grandad always said he grew up in the Gloucester area.....

He told us a few tales about his mother, Matilda, father, Robert, and brother Jesse. He told us that his mother died a few months after he was born, and his father remarried a few years later to a woman called Jane.

He told us that his brother Jesse went to Australia, and had sent him some money so that he could join him there, but I am afraid Grandad spent that money drinking with his friends. He also told stories of being in the army as a young boy, though with no specific tales.

After I moved here my mother asked me, as I now lived in the Gloucester area, to try and find the place where Grandad was born. After many hours of searching for him on the internet and various records offices, and finding only a record of his WW1 medals, I stopped looking because there were no records of Richard George Banks before 1911, except for the 1910 marriage certificate. However, eventually my cousin's wife obtained Grandad's death certificate which showed the date of his birth (13 April 1884) – the first solid bit of evidence we had for his existence before 1910!

But the birth registers showed no one of that name born in Gloucestershire in 1884. Just as an aside, in the 1911 census in Wales, Grandad put the place of his birth as Purton, Wiltshire. No one of that name was born anywhere near there in 1884.

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Who's your grandfather . . continued

But an astute family researcher did find a boy born on exactly that date in the Gloucester District, with the same first names, Richard George, but the surname Barnfield.



Richard George Barnfield's mother was Matilda Barnfield, his father was Robert Barnfield and there was a brother Jesse Barnfield.

Jesse Leonard Barnfield

Matilda Barnfield died soon after Richard George's birth and Robert remarried. Moreover the paper records for Richard George Barnfield disappear after about 1906. Clearly Richard George Barnfield and Richard George Banks were the same person.

The stories that my grandfather told us of his family tied up almost identically with that of Richard Barnfield, including the fact that he served in the army as a young boy. Further evidence we have is that the signatures of Richard Barnfield and Richard Banks are almost identical. Richard Barnfield was born in Upton St Leonards, on Bowden Hall Road and subsequently lived on Bondend Road. **...and now here I am living yards away from where he was born and lived as a lad.**

Photos show a definite family resemblance to two of my uncles. Robert Barnfield looked like my Uncle Leonard Banks, and Jesse Barnfield looked like my Uncle Ray Banks.

If there are any Barnfield cousins or Major (Grandad's mother's family) cousins out there, we would be very pleased to share family information!"



Joseph Ezra, son of Jane; Richard George Barnfield's half brother



Robert Barnfield, Richard George Barnfield's father



Some of Richard Banks' Welsh family

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VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

1	Sat	Summer Quiz Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
3	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
3	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
3	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
3	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
4	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins)		
4	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
4	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
4	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
5	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
5	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.0-4.00p.m.
5	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
5	Wed	Bingo.....	Village Hall.....	8.00p.m.
5	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
6	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
6	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
10	Mon	Copy date for August issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
10	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
10	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
10	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
10	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
11	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
11	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
11	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
12	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
12	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
12	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30a.m.
12	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
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12	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
13	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
13	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
17	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
17	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
17	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
17	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
17	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
17	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
18	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins)		
18	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
18	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
18	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
19	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
19	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
19	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
19	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
19	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
19	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
19	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
20	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
20	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
20	Thu	History Group: AGM and talk "Railways of Gloucestershire".....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
20	Fri	Lord's Taverners Cricket Match.....	Recreation Ground.....	1.00-6.00p.m.
21	Fri	Lord's Taverners Black Tie Charity Dinner.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	7.30-11.30p.m.
24	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
24	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
24	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
24	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
24	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
24	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Meeting		
25	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
25	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
25	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.

26	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
26	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
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26	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
27	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
27	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.20p.m.

AUGUST

7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
7	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Thu	Copy date for September issue of USL Life		
12	Sat	Pig Roast.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
14	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
20	Sun	Songs of Praise with Gloucester Brass.....	Village Green.....	6.00p.m.
21	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
28	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
30	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	Prinknash Cafe – Walk from 9.30 or coffee from 10.30a.m.	
31	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
31	Thu	The Upstagers - One Act Play & Quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.

SEPTEMBER

1	Fri	The Upstagers - One Act Play & Quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
2	Sat	The Upstagers - One Act Play & Quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
9	Sat	Upton Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00-5.00p.m.
10	Sun	Copy date for October issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
25	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Meeting		
27	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
28	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
30	Sat	Concert – The Stuart Singers (see church pages).....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary

Club / Society / Organisation Contacts

We published the list we have of contacts in October. In April we asked for updates and corrections. Though we know the October list has out-of-date details, no one contacted Catherine McLean to give an update, so we haven't yet re-published the list. Here's another plea!

- If your organisation wasn't even mentioned last time, and you'd like it to be, or
- If the contact details have changed, or
- If you aren't sure what details / contact name we have . . . please speak with Catherine McLean

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Another Steam Engine Story

In the May edition, we had an article about "Bowden Hall", not the hotel in Upton St Leonards, but the Great Western Railway "Hall" Class locomotive of that name.

A reader - you'll be able to guess who! - pointed out that another of GWR's "Hall" class locomotives was none other than Trevor Hall.

Trevor Hall was built in 1940, and saw service all over the GWR region. It had the GWR number of 5998.

It was taken out of service in 1964 and was then scrapped. The locomotive was named after Trevor Hall, the place, not the person, which is located near Llangollen.

(The picture is of Hall class locomotive 6930 - Aldersey Hall; we couldn't find a picture of Trevor Hall!)



The Whittle and Wildflower Walk

The Twyver Walkers

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