

Upton St Leonards Life *incorporating Church News*

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Upton St Leonards Village Day



What a lovely day! It was great to see a decent turnout despite the weather and everyone enjoyed their afternoon. For those who missed it hopefully you can be part of the day in 2020!

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What's Been Happening?

BEST EVER VILLAGE DAY 2018

Well what a fantastic day. The team started at 8.00 am all dressed in their Superhero T-shirts and ready to make a start. The weather was very mixed but didn't deter our spirits.

At 1pm the Scout Gladiator Band led our procession of Superheroes to the Village Green past Biggles the mini airplane provided by The JetAge Museum to where the judging started for the best dressed superhero. Of course we could not disclose who the main judge was, but I think a few people guessed that it was Jim Browne in his oversized Superman suit and wig.

Then we all went over to the Village Hall and grounds where in the Annexe "Endless Entertainment" took over and provided us with laughs, disco dancing, balloons and contests for the children.

The dog show was also in full swing with Maureen from 4 Legged Friends running and registering dogs. Judge Sarah Davis had her hands full but always on hand was Steward Rachel.

Inside the hall there were refreshments, books, vintage steam and also in the BMI Club next door, skittles with Phil Hayes keeping order.

The bouncy castle and mega slide proved to be very popular and great fun. We had hot dogs, Pimm's, and ice creams to keep everyone sustained, not to mention the sweet stall and all the other stalls helping to make the day go with a swing.

Football, Badminton, Coconut Shy, Lucky Dip, Tombola, Facepainting and even a "Mystic Meg" called "Septic Peg" to tell us our fortunes!

At 4pm the winning Raffle Tickets were drawn with so many wonderful prizes won and many happy faces!

I would like to thank all who helped to make the day a success and also everyone that came along and supported us.

A total of £3000 was raised and will be shared between the Village Hall, Church and Playgroup.

Carol Evans



Well the weather could have been worse!!

Despite a rather dull day it was great to see so many people supporting our biennial village day.

The dog show in particular proved to be very popular, the steam engines were fantastic, there was plenty of variety around the stalls, lots to do for the children and the bravery award for the day went to Christine and myself for managing the Bouncy Castle/Slide!! Jim had put on a few pounds for his Superman role but still looked cool.

On behalf of the USL Life Team I would like to thank Carol, the Committee, everyone who helped and every person who visited as without that combined effort we would not have such an event.

If anyone would be interested in helping organise / supporting our next Village Day (2020) please let Carol Evans know.

Editor

What's Been Happening?

FundRaiser for USL Life

On Wednesday 30 May, Paul and Diana Rosewell held a Coffee/Bring and Buy Morning to help raise funds for our village newsletter.

There were many people who supported the event whether it was baking cakes (they were of the usual high standard!), donating items for the bring & buy/raffle or just helping to run the day.

The weather was not kind that day (the marquee was therefore redundant!) but Paul and Diana made everyone feel welcome to an INDOOR event at their lovely home and made it a success.

It was well attended and a grand sum of £383.30 was raised, reflecting the efforts of the hosts and the generosity of those who attended.

On behalf of the USL Life Team I would like to record my thanks to Paul and Diana for an enjoyable and successful morning plus everyone who took the time to support the event.

Editor



Twyver WI Report

President Monica welcomed everyone to the meeting and members were reminded to view and sign up for the various events in the forthcoming months including Walking Netball in September. The Treasurer, Sue Downes, reported that the club finances were in good order. Next month Twyver WI will make £300 available for a Denman Bursary. All members will be included in the draw.

Sandi Baker informed us of the outcome of the National Federation of WI Annual Meeting where the resolution on Mental Health Matters was passed with a 98% majority. Sandi also commented on the calibre of the speakers who included Hugh Edwards and Stella Rimmington. Members had made a great effort to wear something purple to acknowledge the Suffragette movement. With 100 years of campaigning the WI itself is renowned for its tenacity on a whole host of issues including equal pay, the introduction of breast screening and a campaign that led to the formation of the Keep Britain Tidy Group.

Our speaker for the evening was the Reverend Dr. Henderson who kept us royally amused with a most enlightening talk on Tudor Women, namely Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. He knew his subject matter inside out and gave us a spirited and occasionally risqué rendition of the comings and goings at Court, amidst much laughter from the audience!

Next month's meeting will be on Monday, 9th July at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

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What's Been Happening?

Upton WI Report for June

President Lynne welcomed all members and one visitor. Our outing to Bristol Aerospace to view and walk on Concorde was a great success and an exhilarating experience. Our guide explained the history of aviation in Bristol up to the present day. Concorde was known for its speed and beauty, an icon of British engineering. Thanks go to Judy for organising the trip. On Wednesday July 11th we meet at Tewkesbury Abbey for a tour and tea. Our lunch club this month meets at the Wagon and Horses at Hucclecote on Monday June 18th. We lost the skittles to Yew Trees at Painswick but the evening was a friendly social time with a good buffet. Denman vouchers will be drawn at our next meeting. Angela is hosting a strawberry tea at Rose Cottage, Upton Hill on Thursday 5th July in aid of Breast and Brain Cancer, please support this worthy cause. A reminder that our August meeting is a pudding tasting and you are all encouraged to bring a friend.

Our speaker Sue Down gave an interesting talk on the German Occupation of Guernsey during World War Two. For some reason the government of the day decided not to defend the Channel Islands, in fact a letter from King George VI was received and read on 15th June 1940 and two days later the Germans invaded; not before most women and children under 5 years of age were evacuated. Tired and weary after a 4 hour boat trip they were transported north to Bradford to begin a new life away from home. Sue's mother and young brother were amongst them. The Royal Hotel Guernsey was the Commandants residence, followed by 20,000 German troops who took over the locals' houses and schools. If owners stayed they became their servants. German was taught in schools, a curfew was imposed for 10pm later changed to 9pm, all rules had to be obeyed. Secret messages which only locals could decipher were printed in the Guernsey Press and in small ways the Germans were outwitted – freshly baked bread was swapped for stale, or driving fast round a corner so vegetables fell off lorries. All this came at a risk as many people were shot. In 1942 all Jews were shipped to Auschwitz. Life was harsh, people were starving but relief came in Dec 1944 when Red Cross parcels were delivered and the island was liberated on 9th May 1945, this special day being celebrated every year. A warm round of applause followed a vote of thanks from Marlene. We meet again on Monday July 2nd for a talk on Chorleys Antiques

Kathy Quant

Ladies Probus

With the centenary in 2018 of the ending of the First World War, it was especially interesting to hear our speaker, Bob Skelt, tell us about the episode in history referred to as the "Zimmerman Telegram" that brought about the entry of the United States of America into battle in 1917 and led to the Armistice in November 1918. This was unknown history to most of us and I shall try to sum it up here.

The Germans were not faring well in 1917, their battleships were blockaded and stayed in port after the sinking of the Bismarck off Jutland. Trench warfare was at a stalemate in Europe. Supplies from across the Atlantic and other parts of the world were reaching and sustaining Britain whereas the well-being of the German population was suffering from the effective British blockade of German ports. At that time German military command was not convinced about the effectiveness of submarine warfare which was thought to be "ungentlemanly". Admiral Donitz sought to convince them otherwise, arguing that submarines (U boats) would be very effective in reaching, attacking and sinking merchant vessels in the Atlantic and beyond. He orchestrated a U boat raid on ships stationed at Scapa Flow which led to the sinking of HMS Royal Oak. The German command was persuaded by this action and more U boats were commissioned and began their deadly raids on merchants ships in the Atlantic in 1917. At the same time the Kaiser decided to flout the rules of war current at that time which stated that any merchant ship should be stopped, challenged and crew evacuated before sinking the vessel but his main concern was how would the USA react if one of its ships should be sunk by a U boat.

In the event of that happening, the Kaiser's plan was encourage to Mexico to attack the USA so it would be pre-occupied by a war on its own front. He instructed his Foreign Secretary, Arthur Zimmerman, to convey this plan to the Mexican government. Because the British had severed German undersea communication cables at the start of the war and radio traffic was not secure, the Germans decided to send a coded telegram outlining the plan to the Mexican government and German Ambassadors in Mexico and USA. Unfortunately for the Germans, all telegrams had to be routed through London. The telegram was partially decoded by British Intelligence in London but because it did not want the Germans to know that the British were now aware of the plan and the British government was not 100% convinced of its authenticity due to its outrageousness, a way had to be found to seize the original telegram. A burglary at the Western Union office in Mexico was staged and the telegram successfully recovered, returned to Britain and decoded. The British government was now convinced and told the USA about the plan. All this happened in about the space of two weeks and was a major triumph for British intelligence and diplomacy that contributed to the entry of USA to the war in 1917. Later Foreign Secretary Zimmerman confirmed that the telegram was genuine.

Bob went on to talk about the capture of the enigma coding machines in WWII and most importantly the decoding manual without which codes could not be cracked but I have not written about these as the story is well known. These episodes in history had our members really spellbound and he was thanked for his absorbing and informative talk. The next meeting is on 18th July 2018 when our speaker will be Margaret Daniels, "The Bard of Barnwood".

Chris Ellison

What's Coming Up?

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BBQ in aid of The Shoebox Appeal

On 4 August from Noon till 3pm, Jenny Cunningham is holding a BBQ at her place to raise funds for the "Shoebox Appeal".

This is a Christian Charity that aims to deliver support to families and the elderly in Eastern Europe (Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine).

Jenny asks that anyone who wishes to attend please contact her.

Those attending need to bring their own drink and hopefully a donation for the Shoebox Appeal.



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Fund Raise For Church Repairs

Barn Dance @ Portway Farm

Saturday 14 July @ 7pm

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Tickets £10 each

(Free admission for children accompanied by an adult)

Tickets available from: Portway Farm Shop, USL, St Leonards Church and USL Primary School

For more information, visit Portway Farm Shop Facebook Page



Family Wellbeing

I want to raise awareness of a campaign group that fights the injustice wrought on women born in the 1950s regarding the changes to their State Pension Age, and aims to achieve fair transitional State Pension arrangements.

The group is called Women Against State Pension Inequality, (WASPI). They run a campaign and are challenging the government to make fair transitional arrangements for 1950s women's state pensions. These pension changes affect all women who were born in the 1950's.. Many of these women will not realise the £££s they will lose from their State Pension until it's too late to make alternative arrangements to make up the shortfall. This website gives lots of useful

Info: www.waspi.co.uk. There is a Stroud contact which is email :strouddistrictwaspi@gmail.com or phone 07706619295.

The 1995 Conservative Government's Pension Act included plans to increase

women's State Pension Age to 65, the same as men's. WASPI agrees with equalisation but does not agree with the unfair way the changes were implemented – with little or no personal notice (1995/2011 Pension Acts), faster than promised (2011 Pension Act), leaving no time to make alternative plans.

Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. In my case I expected to receive my pension when aged 60, now I have to wait until I am 66yrs old. The pension is around £8,000 a year so I am left £48,000 short in my pension, a tidy sum to make up on my own. I have written to the Dept for Works & Pensions to complain about the lack of notice and I would encourage you to do so, too. There is a sample letter on the website to guide you.

Next meeting of the Stroud WASPI group is July 4th at the Old Crown, Paganhill, Stroud, at 7.30pm. Feel free to attend. Men are welcome too! Do come along and find out more about the campaign. David Drew is on board, see his website for details. For more information contact the Stroud Group or feel free to give me a ring

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What's Coming Up? - Cont'd

Upton Show (formerly flower and produce show)

Saturday 8th September 2-4.30pm.

After the undoubted success of the Village Day celebrations here's another Village event that is always a lot of fun. This traditional show always surprises me by how talented the exhibitors are and how varied the exhibits. Whether it's a large potato or marrow, a cute round of cherry tomatoes or a beautiful display of cut flowers or potted specimens, the marquee is always full of garden delights.



There are classes for the cooks too, with breads, biscuits, cakes, jams and other preserves. We mustn't forget the wonderful displays from the children's groups whether it's painted hands, potato prints, collages and stories, the effort is a joy to behold.



The marquee will also house the craft sections so prepare to witness the knitted stuff, the wooden stuff and the sewn stuff.

If photography is your thing then there a variety of sections that might tickle your fancy. These will be displayed in the annexe.

As usual we will be entertained by the Cotswold Big Band and there will be a range of refreshments in the Village Hall (a plea for some donated cakes and biscuits please). There will be a few side stalls and the usual skittle competition in the BMI.

If you need any more information or want to print off a booking form then the Schedule is available from uptonstleonardsshow.com Schedules are available from the Village Shop in early July or from Peter Macey.



Information

Healthy Living

A new group is starting in Upton called Healthy Living. This will be a support group to look at ways we can take charge of our own health, looking at the information that is out there and how that transcribes into how we live our lives. Who's it aimed at? **You**.

Some may like to look at different ways of getting their weight under control without dieting and without feeling hungry and without paying fees. Some may like to look at using nutrition to control their Type 2 Diabetes. Recent TV programmes have demonstrated how people have managed to put their Type 2 Diabetes into remission, can we do this in Upton?

Some may wish to reduce medication or look at how do we get more active in our daily lives. Which foods are nutrient dense and how do we get these into our daily eating habits? Can raised blood pressure be controlled by lifestyle? Support to stop smoking is available. How does cancer respond to sugar? Can conditions of an inflammatory nature such as asthma or arthritis improve with nutrition?

We will kick off by offering an evening and a morning slot to see how many may be interested in joining. **First Meeting in the Training Room at the Village Hall Wed 11th July 7pm - 9pm. Alternative time in the Training Room at the Village Hall Fri 13th July 10am - 12noon.**

It would help if you would let me know in advance if you would like to come along as the Training Room holds limited numbers. Bring your iPad, laptop or smart phone and a note book may be useful. Text, WhatsApp, Messenger or Voicemail are available. Do join us, you will be made very welcome. Bring water to drink, but no cakes please.

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Feature Article

Our feature article this month was submitted by Tim James of our local garage Cedar Motor House who, along with his wife Val just completed this amazing travelogue.

Hello folks,

Just thought that we'd send in a report from our amazing trip to Canada and Yellowstone National Park Tour recently, riding a Harley Davidson Tourer motorcycle. Valerie and I were fortunate enough to ride the Route 66 earlier in the year which was amazing, however this Yellowstone Tour can only be described as stunningly amazing!

We covered 3100 miles of touring on an Electra Glide from Seattle, up in to Canada and through Yellowstone National Park and Rocky mountains National Park. We visited Old Faithful which is a steam Geyser which explodes steam 100 foot into the air every 45 minutes! A huge visitor attraction and a marvel of the world. How does it do that???



A total of 15 Motorcycles and 25 folks set off from Seattle on 11th July.....

Our route consisted of 15 days riding with a free day and two night stopover in Cody and Waterton Lakes. 200 to 300 miles per day. The route visited Snoquamimie, Snohomish, Winthrop and over the Canadian border in to Kamloops. It felt a little scary crossing the border in to Canada as it is a very stern and serious affair, so best behaviour there! We crossed through vineyards and lakes, and more vineyards and more bigger and grander lakes and headed right on in to British Columbia. The lakes were an amazing sight, pure aqua blue and mountains that just increased in size. The oohhs and ahhs got louder each time another huge mountain pass was crossed. We headed on to Jasper arriving at Mount Robson National Park. We saw the Emperor's Face and Rearguard Falls.

These sights, sounds and smells were amazing and plenty of wildlife was to be seen along the route, including a Grizzly bear just wandering about on the edge of a forest! Not your everyday sight!! We were all in an official bike tour led by a professional tour guide. We all hired Harley Davidsons and also had a support vehicle behind us carrying a spare bike in case of mishaps, punctures or breakdowns. Fortunately no serious incidents occurred. A couple of folks dropped their bikes on the gravel surface and I had a close one when the old foot slipped on the pesky gravel! Those Electra Glides are heavy, aren't they!!

The whole trip was amazingly well organised with little stop offs here and there. We visited all sorts of places and saw all sorts of things including Evil Knievel's grave (my childhood absolute hero, had all his toys and windup motorbikes!) and went to a Rodeo championship all dressed up as cowboys! Glacier after glacier! Mountains and rivers, and mountains and rivers!! All quite amazing. We had all four seasons in one day! Hot sun, cold, really cold, snow, sleet, rain -10 degrees back up in to late 30 degrees all in the same day?! Explain that one!! Huge mileage each day and very tiring, but well worth the efforts! Each day had a different adventure lined up for us, with very good accommodation each evening. It felt normal to do 300 plus miles in a day, just easy riding, stereo blasting and chilling whist riding.



We motored on visiting Lake Louise and Banff National Park, all of which were gobsmacking to say the least. Soon we were dropping back in to the USA and crossed the border. We travelled so many time zones we had to keep watches and bikes clocks changed regularly. We travelled on through Utah and Wyoming. These states are vast and you just keep riding and riding! All good roads and the bikes just munched up the miles. We did white water rafting, visited Buffalo Bills County, firearms museums, Ski resorts, mountain cars and gold rush sites. We travelled on again through Titan National Forest and National Park. All amazing photo calls for the team. A real form of camaraderie formed amongst us and we all enjoyed each other's company in the evenings. Some (most) days we partied till late and smashed the Jack Daniels in true biker form and other days we could just have a chilled out evening, all grown up and in bed by 11! Yes I was a teenager again. Each day giggling and laughing with our gang of bikers to ACDC highway to hell blasting out from my bike each morning! Gotta blow out the cobwebs and JD from the night before. Everyone knew the words by day 3 or 4! What a wonderful experience. We visited many HD Dealerships along the way and naturally a few necessary purchases were made! Clothing, pins and goodies galore!



On day 16 it was back in to Colorado for our farewell dinner. A great chance for all of the riders to get together to say farewell and thank our tour guides for an awe inspiring and unforgettable experience. We all said that we must do this again sometime..... Normally that is just a figure of speech, but we have rebooked again for this year to travel the 3000 mile Wild West tour from Los Angeles all around through Vegas, up to San Francisco and back down again to LA two weeks later. 11 couples from the Yellowstone trip have signed up for the Wild West Trip leaving LA in September too. We look forward to travelling with these comrades again. Ohhh that Jack Daniels in my veins!!!

I can honestly say that this was a once in a lifetime trip. Never to be underestimated or forgotten. Just amazing and thoroughly recommended. Each trip takes us a year to save up and pay for but it really is a treat to ride a Harley in the USA. You are welcomed everywhere and lorry drivers love you to bits and wave and let you in and allow you to cross etc!! Wonderful. Like on the Rolling Hills Club trips, you meet and ride with some fantastic people and form lifelong friendships. We are very lucky.

We had a truly amazing time, spent far too much cash but hey man.... You really do only live once!

Keep the rubber side down and safe riding.

Yours Tim James

If you have a story to tell why not get in touch and we may be able to cover for you





St. Leonard's Church News

Website: www.uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

You will be very welcome at all of our services

Priest in charge: Rev. Clodagh Ingram
Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to Wednesday

Curate: Rev. James Turk

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

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 Taken on the Rogation Sunday walk using a remote controlled drone.

*Upton St. Leonard's Primary School
 Retiring Governor - Val Knight
 writes:*



Church Calendar for July

Sun 1	8.00 am	Holy Communion service
	10.00 am	Celebration Service
Mon 2	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 3	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 4	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 8	10.00 am	Communion Service
	4.00 pm	Churchyard Service
Mon 9	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 10	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 11	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 15	10.00 am	Communion Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 16	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 17	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 18	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Thurs 19	2.00 pm	Mother's Union Tea Party at St. Oswald's
Sun 22	10.00 am	Communion Service
	4.00 pm	Word and Worship
Mon 23	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tues 24	9.30 -9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50-12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 25	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 29	10.00 am	Communion Service

I began my four year term as a Foundation Governor at Upton St Leonard's Church of England Primary School in September 2014. Having had a background in Early Years Education becoming a governor was a new challenge. The role of a Foundation governor involves supporting the school's Christian ethos. During the four years, I have worked with the R.E. lead, learning about the syllabus, attending R.E. lessons and also going on a class visit to the synagogue in Cheltenham.

It has been a very interesting time with the main change being the appointment of Mr Allen as head teacher following Ms. Howard's retirement. There was also great excitement when the new school logo was revealed in a special assembly. During my first year the school received Outstanding following a SIAMS inspection (statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools).

Foundation Governors are involved in all aspects of school governorship including full governing board meetings, sub-committee meetings and new staff interviews. I have really enjoyed the 'hands on' aspect which has involved new parent open days, invigilating for SATS, attending the Yr 6 leavers service held in the cathedral and also attending whole school and class worship in school and in St. Leonard's church. One service I attended was to celebrate the Queen's birthday and was led by a retired bishop who enthralled everyone with his story of spending a weekend with the Royal family.

I have enjoyed my time as Foundation Governor and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. I will still be a regular visitor to school as part of the Open the Book team.

Val Knight

St Leonard's Churchyard - An Invitation to a Service in the Churchyard

'Remembering those we have loved'

A short service of readings, prayers and to ask God's blessing on our memories. The service will last about 20 minutes and be held in different locations around the churchyard. Tea and Cake will be served afterwards.

Sunday July 8th at 4.00 pm

Everyone who holds memories in St Leonard's lovely churchyard is very welcome and please invite family and friends to come along as well.

St. Leonard's Church News

Website: www.uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk



Rev Clodagh Ingram writes

St Leonard's Church Yard.

The definition of a church yard is, an enclosed area surrounding a church and an area used especially for burials. St Leonard's Church yard is so much more than a place defined by the wall between the old school and the church, so much more than the area defined by fences and hedges and pathways and gates.

St Leonard's Churchyard is a remembering place, a resting place, a stopping on the way place, a living ground, a tended space, a regulated piece of ground, a wrapped around the church place, a village space.

Names and dates on standing stones.

A lichen covered stone place.

St Leonard's Churchyard is a grieving place, a private yet communal space, a gathering place, a leave taking place, a shared space, a sunny spot.

St Leonard's Churchyard is a dappled shady prayerful place, a spot for a quiet chat, a silent word, a teardrop blinking place.

A meeting place, a fleeting place, a quiet moment in time space. A touching place, a respectful space, a motorway thrumming, church bell ringing, bird song filled place.

St Leonard's Churchyard is a soulful place, a gracious spot, a between heaven and earth place, a space for our dead, a set aside place.

Throughout the week and throughout the year people visit graves and the Garden of Remembrance to remember those who have died. The churchyard is a place that holds enormous significance for many people and for that reason we are holding a service in the churchyard on the 8th July at 4pm when we will gather to remember our loved ones. Whether you have a family member or a friend who has been laid to rest recently or long ago the invitation is for you to come along to our short outdoor service. Bring a brolly if it's wet. Tea and cake will be served after the service.

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The Kettle is on at 9.50 am

Every Tuesday Morning

You are more than welcome to join us for morning prayer
at 9.30 am or just come along for a coffee / tea and a chat
from 9.50

Donations for refreshments are divided equally between
Christian Aid and Church Repairs

A Warm Welcome awaits you



Rev James Turk writes



Word and Worship
At
St Leonard's Church

Christian worship, at its heart, is the natural response to God's amazing love and mercy. We surrender to him in worship, not out of fear or duty, but in love. Offering yourself to God is what worship is all about, and since external actions are unimportant in Christian worship, there is no rule regarding whether we should sit, stand, fall down, be quiet, or sing praises loudly. Although music has always played an important part in worship, it is also worth noting that an act of worship is far more than the music. Every part of a church service is an act of worship: praying, scripture reading, singing, confession, silence, being still, listening, giving an offering and even greeting other worshippers. If it is offered to God, it is an act of worship. The most important thing is that we worship God in spirit (in our hearts) and in truth (in our minds.) Christian worship has a rich heritage and a broad structure.

We have formal styles of worship which are rich in Christian tradition, and these services still comfort and enrich the lives of many, many people just like they have done for many centuries. At the other end of the spectrum we have the informal/ charismatic worship styles that are also very important to the lives of many modern Christians, young and old.

St Leonard's has been a place of Christian worship for hundreds of years. We have traditional and not so traditional Sunday morning services at 8 and 10 am. Sunday evening prayer on the third Sunday of each month at 6.00 p.m, and I am now delighted to be able to invite you to a new service. Starting on July 22nd at 4.00 p.m and on every fourth Sunday of the month thereafter, we are launching a new service at St Leonard's called Word and Worship. A relaxed, informal worship service lasting about 45 minutes but no longer than an hour. We hope this service will provide a place for people to pray and praise, to reflect and listen. The service will include a mix of modern and traditional worship songs, words from the Bible and the style and structure will be informal and family friendly. Everyone is welcome! Young or old, male and female. Whether you have been a person of faith for many years, or new to faith or just curious as to what it is all about; whether you are wishing to reconnect with church after a long absence; whether you are feeling close to God or if God feels distant right now.

There is no '*one size fits all*' approach to God; all he wants is you to be yourself. So make a note of the date and come and be part of the diverse and wonderful worship life of St Leonard's Church.

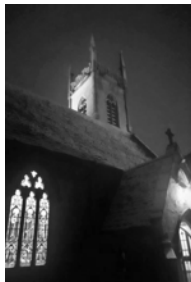
James

St. Leonard's Church News

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Tower Floodlighting

On the 19th July, the Tower is lit in loving memory of Chantelle on her 21st birthday. With love from all the family.



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

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

Gloucestershire
Operation Christmas Child
Fundraising Events for this very worthwhile cause
being held in the area



**Barbeque in Abbeymead, Gloucester,
Saturday 4th August 12 noon onwards**

If you are interested please contact Sheila directly for information.

Sponsored Walk

Thursday 30th August 2018 10:00am start at Christchurch, Abbeydale for a 2.5 mile walk each way to Prinknash. We are currently looking into arranging transport for those walking one way.. Opportunity to visit the Bird Garden or Prinknash Coffee Shop.

Bring the children and grand children for this good day out.
To register an interest please contact Sheila Whitaker

Donations of the following are always gratefully received

- Stationery Items: pencils, coloured pencils, crayons, pens, paper, envelopes, part used colouring books, pencils etc. (new or used)
- Empty video boxes (we use these to make stationery boxes!)
- Christmas/Birthday card fronts – to make notebooks.
- Craft pack items: stickers, felt, ribbon, wrapping paper etc
- Christmas/birthday wrapping paper, shoe boxes!
- Pre-loved, good quality small soft toys, toys, games, cars
- Plain paper/lined.
- Blue/green milk bottle tops/buttons to use as counters for games

Who's who at the Parish Church

Priest in Charge:

Rev Clodagh Ingram

Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to Wednesday

Curate:

Rev James Turk

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

Churchwardens:

Keith Robbins

Rachel Hall

PCC Secretary

Sarah Kent

pccsecretary@uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

Church Treasurer

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Baptism & Wedding Enquiries:

Church Administrator - Jenny Cunningham

jennycunningham46@googlemail.com

Deanery Synod Representative

Dorothy Cox

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Charlie Burnett

Mother's Union

Rachel Hall

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Church Flowers

Jenny Cunningham

Dates for your Diary

Tues 3 rd July	Music Practice Evening 7.00 pm
Sun 8 th July	Church Yard Service 4.00 pm
Sat 14 th July	Barn Dance
Thurs 19 th July	Mother's Union – St. Oswald's – Tea Party - 2.00 pm
Sun 22 nd July	Word & Worship Service 4.00 pm

**For more information on
Operation Christmas Child please
speak to Jenny Cunningham.**

**See also details for Jenny's BBQ on
page 5**

Information - cont'd

Parish Council Report for June

Motorway Working Group

The group are still looking at the impact of air quality on our village from motorway traffic, the specification of the re-surfacing already completed and the extension/replacement of suitable noise reduction barriers/fencing. Any progress will be reported in USL Life.

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is a blight on our society these days and it happens just about everywhere, but here in Upton we appear to have some hot spots. These are Portway, Nuthill, Birchall Lane, Rance Lane and Upton Lane near the bridge over the M5. If you do see this occurring then please try to take a vehicle number, equally even if you just see the resulting mess, please report these issues directly to Stroud District Council, the number to ring is 01453766321, and follow the instructions.

We are fortunate in the fact that Stroud are very good regarding this issue and will arrange to have the fly tipped items removed very swiftly. It is often the case that this dreadful behaviour happens when a householder has items to be disposed of and is approached by someone purporting to be a waste disposal contractor. After receiving payment they just drive round the corner so to speak and dump the rubbish. If at any time you pay for such a service you must receive a certificate of waste disposal, if they can't provide that, don't use them.

Our District Council provides a disposal service for large items at a reasonable cost, currently £25 for 3 items plus £5 for each additional item.

Garden Waste Scheme - message from SDC

With over 10,000 subscribers we are reaching full capacity for garden waste collections in some areas of the district with our existing vehicles and crews. To increase capacity we would have to increase resources in vehicles and crew which would add £150,000 to the cost of providing this service. Consequently we have taken the decision to suspend any new subscribers in the towns and parishes where we have no spare capacity on the existing collection rounds (Upton is affected by this change and it is effective immediately).

Residents will be able to put their name on a waiting list. Any existing customers who reside within these towns and parishes who have not yet renewed for 2018 will still be allowed to renew their subscription after this time. Residents who are not eligible for the service will be advised of the change when they attempt to book online or over the phone. We will keep this under review. Alternatively residents are encouraged to compost or they will still be able to take their garden waste to the County Council's Household Recycling Centres in Horsley and Hempsted.

Street Lighting Improvement Works - message from County Council

Skanska UK PLC have been engaged by the County Council to continue its program of LED conversions which will help meet its carbon reduction target of 60% by 2020. Work may necessitate temporarily reducing pavement widths, use of safety barriers and reduction in on-street parking. For USL, this is scheduled to take place during the month of August and Skanska will be doing their best to minimise any inconvenience to residents.

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WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN IN JULY

Well what a funny year we have had so far with the weather cold, sunny not to mention snow and all the rain at the end of May. It's taken about 4 weeks for my garden to catch up with the seasons, but here we are at the beginning of July with lots to do. You should now have your hanging baskets and containers planted with summer bedding which need daily watering and a regular feed to promote flowering.

Hedges and perennials need cutting back. Now is the time to sow Foxgloves, Sweet William, Penstemon and Delphinium seeds for flowering next year.

If you grow soft fruit make the most of Strawberries, Raspberries, Redcurrants, Cherries, and Rhubarb, lots of recipes come to mind.

Lawns need a mow at least once a week but raise the blades and not so often in dry spells. Keep removing side shoots on Tomatoes and stop the plants when 4-5 trusses have been produced.

Vegetables. Onions should not go without water as it will affect the size of the crop.

It will be soon time to harvest second early Potatoes, examine one of the plants and if the crop is small leave them a little longer.

Beetroot is the sweetest if harvested whilst young and tender and it is still not too late to keep sowing all salad crops.

Also still sow Carrots and Spinach for a continuous supply. Broad / French Beans can still be sown until the middle of the month.

When you are not busy in the garden, put your feet up, relax and enjoy our English Summer.



Carol Evans

County Writing Competition at The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival

Frances March from Stroud and Dursely's Nastasya Parker were our 2017 poetry and prose winners. This year, it could be you!

The 2018 competition theme is that of the festival: **EAST MEETS WEST** (this may be widely interpreted). It is open to all of 16 years and above, who live, work or study in Gloucestershire. Send poems of up to 50 lines and prose of up to 750 words. **Deadline, 31st July.**

First prize winners in each category receive £200, the runners-up receive a book token and all are invited to read at *The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival* and dine in the 'Writer's Tent'. All are published in a winners' anthology.

Our poetry judge **Anna Saunders** www.annasaunderswriter.co.uk has published five collections and is CEO of *Cheltenham Poetry Festival* and prize-winning author **Dr Kim Fleet** www.kimfleet.com recently published her fourth novel.

For more details or to enter the competition, see our website at: www.gloswriters.org.uk or email: chemingwaygwn@gmail.com



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Upton St Leonards Annual Parish Report 2018

Chairman's Report by Councillor Keith Pearson:

Where has the year gone? I must first of all take this opportunity to thank all members of the Council for their hard work during the past year.

As always we are heavily involved in looking after the interests of the Parish. The motorway resurfacing has had some result in making things a little less noisy, but there are differing opinions on that. As said last year we would not stop there and are still actively involved in meetings regularly with Highways England to try to get the poor noise barriers addressed.

The Council is also looking at putting in some extra fitness features in the village to benefit both young and old. We have also just had it confirmed that we have met the requirements, after assessment, to have the whole village designated as a 20mph zone, which we hope will make it safer for all. The Chairs of Committees will outline the highlights of this year below.

We have of course unfortunately sadly lost quite a few of our friends in our village this year and our thoughts are with all their families. One gentleman, Mr Louis Rolla of Six Acres very kindly left a legacy to our Village Hall for which we are extremely grateful, it will be used to good effect.

I have once again enjoyed the privilege of chairing an excellent Parish Council, which has the benefit of a very efficient Clerk. Thanks again to all.

Planning Committee by Councillor Christine Castle:

Formal applications for planning in the village this year were 32 compared to 46 last year. Again, most applications were for extensions/modifications to homes as people opt to renovate rather than move. There has been a request for the building of bungalows which would allow current residents in the village to downsize and stay within the community. More homes have also been built in Coopers Edge but this will now be the last of the homes which will come within our parish.

The homes built within the village itself in the last year have been of a high quality and most have enhanced the aspect of the area. The appeal for the development of homes at Prinknash Abbey was refused by the Secretary of State and therefore there will be no building on that site. The land at Bowden Hall has been sold to Dawn Homes and we have no information at the time of this report as to when building is likely to start. Outline planning has been permitted but reserved matters are still under consideration.

Regarding the Winneycroft development outside our parish boundary we have received no updates and it has gone very quiet. We are conscious of the number of requests to build in the surrounding areas of the village, but with the local plan now in force and more homes having been added to Coopers Edge, we have a good case for keeping within our boundaries and thus preserving the AONB.

As a reminder, planning meetings are held on the first Monday of each month prior to the Parish Council Meetings and public are always welcome.

Recreation by Councillor David Hunt:

A number of improvements have been implemented at the Pavilion over the past twelve months.

1. The chair lift on the stairs to the meeting room has been replaced with a new unit.
2. Easy clean flooring has been installed in the downstairs corridors and toilets.
3. Movement sensitive light switches have been installed in the toilets.
4. The outside patio has been extended to give an improved seating area. Two additional benches are about to be installed.
5. Wi Fi has been installed in the meeting room.
6. New curtains have been hung in the meeting room.
7. The large depression in the tarmac at the car park entrance has been filled.

Extremely wet weather over the winter and early spring has resulted in waterlogging of the pitch, causing match cancellations for football. Unfortunately this has coincided with the Football Club gaining league promotion. Although conditions have been exceptional, investigation of the drainage indicates that a part of the field drainage system may need replacing. Further investigation is being undertaken.

As a result of the recent public consultation on parish needs, a decision has been taken to install adult exercise equipment (an outdoor gym) at the Recreation Ground. A suitable site is being investigated and funding is being sought.

Finally thanks must be extended to the volunteers who help to keep the facilities in good shape. Richard Stephenson ensures that the site gates are closed at night and Andy Russell is our Pavilion Manager, with both operating on a voluntary basis.

Environment by Councillor Pete Wilson

We have continued to support the activities that make our village such a nice place to live. These include managing our grass cutting contract, general maintenance where needed and keeping our Water Courses clear (supported by our Water Warden).

Our financial support for USCAN (a group made up of volunteer residents from Upton) has enabled them to do their usual excellent work. Their main focus is maintenance of our numerous Footpaths / Styles but they also help with flower beds, organise Litter Picks and have done some really good work in the church grounds over the last 12 months.

They also help to maintain Cud Hill (owned by the Parish Council) and this together with our grazing arrangement each year keeps the area in good condition.

In June 2017 we held a public consultation on a range of village improvements submitted by residents. This was well

Upton St Leonards Annual Parish Report 2018 - cont'd

supported and enabled us to make decisions on how to progress.

We are continuing to work on these ideas and are making progress. One example is that after the necessary surveys by the Highways Agency, we have secured agreement to implement a 20mph Zone covering the main residential area of our village.

We planted a new Christmas Tree on the Village Green last December which will be lit every year and feedback has been very positive.

Also, we are exploring funding opportunities to help us pay for other ideas such as the Adult Gym and Children's Play Equipment. Progress has been reported in USL Life as we have moved forward.

Thanks go to Keith Pearson, David Hunt and the Working Group for their success in getting the M5 Resurfacing completed. This work is continuing with their efforts to replace fencing with Noise Barriers.

My ongoing thanks to members of USCAN and other volunteers who have worked hard on behalf of our village to keep it looking good, and to our Parish Clerk, Roy Balgobin whose support has been much appreciated.

Allotments by Councillor Hilary Morris

The last year has been very successful for the allotment society. We have also seen some changes.

A big thank you has to go to the allotment managers for their hard work and particularly to Carol Evans who did a stalwart job managing the Perry Orchard site. Carol has decided to retire from the job as Allotment manager and we wish to thank her for all her hard work.

We would like to say welcome to the new manager who is Holly Paton, who lives in the village. Holly has already helped greatly in establishing a community orchard on land that was not used at the Stanley site. We hope this will go on to be very popular with the village in years to come.

A big thank you also has to go to Peter Macey and some of his fellow allotment holders at the Stanley site who did a valiant job laying the scalplings from the road works on Bondend, that Roy Balgobin, Clerk to the parish, managed to obtain, to improve the car park.

The Parish Council receives many compliments about the standard of care the allotment holders put into their plots. Thank you all very much.

I have to advise all allotment holders that with effect from 1st April 2018 the fees for allotments will rise, to the help cover the increased costs we are experiencing. The costs will be £20 for a full plot and £10 for a half plot. The costs have been posted at each site.

I wish everyone a good growing year and hope that the extremes in weather this winter have not caused anyone any big problems

Thank you again for your continued support.

Finance by Roy Balgobin Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer

The Accounts are now available for members of the Public to view in the Parish Office on any Tuesday or Thursday between 9 am and 11 am or by prior appointment 01452 621688 and will be published on the Council website www.uptonstleonards-cp.gov.uk once the audit process is complete.

We have Yoga in Upton - why not give it a try?

All are welcome to join the Monday Lunchtime Yoga and Relaxation group. We meet at 12.15-1.45pm in the Annexe at Upton St Leonards village hall. If you'd like to come along to sample a session, the cost is £6 and a mat can be provided.

Each session includes mindful movement, breath awareness and a guided relaxation. We are a small, friendly group. We practice various yoga poses - seated, lying down and standing. Options are given to adapt the yoga to individual needs. It's a gentle approach, suitable for beginners as well those who have done yoga before. The sessions run in term time and are taught by Carolyn Pashby, an experienced British Wheel of Yoga teacher.

For more information please contact Carolyn on 07798 612015



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

VILLAGE DIARY

JULY

2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
2	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
2	Mon	Fitness (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.00p.m.
2	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	5.30p.m.
2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
3	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with brown bins		
3	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
3	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
3	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00p.m.
3	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
3	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
4	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
4	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
4	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
4	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30.m.
5	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
5	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
6	Fri	Happy's Circus.....	Upton St Leoards School.....	
7	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
9	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.
9	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.00p.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Tue	Copy Date for August Issue of USL Life		
10	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
10	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
10	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00pm
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12	Thu	The Upstagers –Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
13	Fri	The Upstagers – Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
14	Sat	The Upstagers – Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
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18	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
18	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
18	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
19	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
19	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
19	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
19	Thu	History Group – AGM followed by picture quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
23	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.
23	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
24	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
24	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
24	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00p.m.
24	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
24	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
25	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
25	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
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26	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
26	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
31	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
31	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
31	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
31	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

AUGUST

4	Sat	Charity BBQ (Shoebbox Appeal).....	Jenny C's House.....	12.00-3.00p.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
6	Mon	Lady Downe Charity.....	School.....	7.30p.m.
10	Fri	Copy Date for September issue of USL Life		
11	Sat	Annual Pig Roast.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
13	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

SEPTEMBER

3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
8	Sat	Upton Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00p.m.
10	Mon	Copy Date for October issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
17	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
20	Thu	History Group – The Churchyard of the Church.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
22	Sat	Autumn Quiz.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
24	Mon	Lady Downe Charity.....	School.....	7.30p.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary

The Twyver Walking Group

On Thursday 7th June a small number of ladies from Twyver Walking Group enjoyed a walk from Upper Hasfield to The Boat at Ashleworth for lunch, then back to Upper Hasfield. It was a lovely day for walking, not too hot and a gentle breeze. We walked through wonderful fields of head-high grasses, past cottages with beautiful roses and enjoyed spectacular views. We had a delicious lunch at The Boat although for a snack the portions were rather large!! Luckily walking back to Upper Hasfield we walked off our lunch.





Arts Corner



In July we focus on gardens, roses, natural history and a lawnmower!

THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN (abridged)

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:-"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade,
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner knives.

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away!

Rudyard Kipling 1865 – 1936

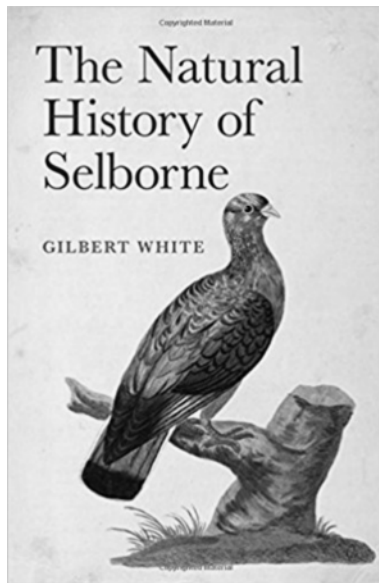
A REMOVAL FROM TERRY STREET

On a squeaking cart, they push the usual stuff,
A mattress, bed ends, cups, carpets, chairs,
Four paperback westerns. Two whistling youths
In surplus US Army battle-jackets
Remove their sister's goods. Her husband
Follows, carrying on his shoulders the son
Whose mischief we are glad to see removed,
And pushing, of all things, a Lawnmower.
There is no grass in Terry Street. The worms
Come up cracks in concrete yards in moonlight.
That man, I wish him well. I wish him grass.

Douglas Dunn born 1942

The Natural History of Selborne by Gilbert White (1789) ISBN 0 14 043.112 8

This is a fascinating book, written by the Vicar of Selborne, Hampshire. It has inspired generations of naturalists with vivid descriptions of the parish flora and fauna plus comments on the weather and crops grown in the countryside around the vicarage. The book inspired Charles Darwin, who read it as a young man, and made a pilgrimage to Selborne. Similarly, Chris Packham (BBC Spring Watch) read a tatty copy given to him by his biology teacher, and cycled from Southampton to Selborne to see it for himself. There is now a museum in Selborne which contains the original manuscript. The book has been published in more than 300 editions and has never been out of print. It is believed to be the most published book in English after the Bible, the works of Shakespeare and John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The manuscript is now online as a digital flipbook. We recommend it to you in whichever form you prefer.



ONE PERFECT ROSE

A single flow'r he sent me, since we met.
All tenderly his messenger he chose;
Deep-hearted, pure, with scented dew still wet-
One perfect rose.

I knew the language of the floweret;
"My fragile leaves", it said, "his heart enclose".
Love long has taken for his amulet
One perfect rose.

Why is it no one ever sent me yet
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?
Ah no, it's always just my luck to get
One perfect rose.

Dorothy Parker 1893 – 1967

Village Day Evening

Following on from a successful day, over 80 people had an enjoyable evening with family and friends in the Village Hall.



The entertainment was provided by "The Bleeding Hearts" who produced an excellent mix of songs for everyone to dance to.

A lovely ploughmans meal was included and despite full stomachs, the dance floor was full for most of the night.



Well done to Carol and everyone who helped round off a lovely day.

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