

Upton St Leonards Life *incorporating Church News*

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June 2017



We welcome our new Priest in Charge Clodagh Ingram who was installed on Sunday 30 April



Revised date for Public Consultation on village improvements suggested by residents

Thursday 15 June, Pavilion, 1400-1900

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Public Consultation on village improvements

We were originally hoping to hold this in May but the date had to be changed, so apologies for any confusion !
The revised date is now Thursday 15 June 2017.

Village Improvements

As a reminder, the Parish Council are looking at a number of ideas submitted by residents, and if there is sufficient interest and demand we intend to apply for grants to help part fund their purchase. We would like to see as many of you as possible on the day and will be in the Pavilion from 1400 until 1900 to give as many of you as possible the opportunity to give your input.

Specific ideas we are looking for input on include the following :

- Outdoor Gym Equipment (to be located at our Recreation Ground if we went ahead)
- Children's Multi-Play Equipment (possible location in Woodland Green area)

We are also considering the placement of several benches within the village and would welcome ideas on locations.

Why Consult?

As mentioned above, we need residents to come along to the Pavilion and give us their views, enabling us to :

- Evaluate the demand and potential useage of any equipment we may go for
- Decide on the type of equipment we may purchase
- Provide evidence that we have sought input thus strengthening any grant applications for equipment funding

There will be light refreshments available during the afternoon / early evening and we would be very grateful for your support if you are able to spare the time.

We will only commit to spending public money if we believe it will enhance village facilities, and most importantly get used.

Hope to see you on 15 June!

Peter Wilson, Chairman Environment Committee, USL Parish Council



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What's Been happening?

Twyver WI Report

Our speaker for May was Sandra Ashenford, who is a freelance history teacher who conducts a range of workshops from the Egyptians to World War II. Sandra brought with her 20 unusual artefacts and members were given pen and paper and a time limit of 20 minutes to match the pictures with the objects. The real challenge however was having to identify what the items were used for! This generated a lot of discussion and some clever guesswork but despite our best efforts at least 5 items remained undetected. A most interesting talk with some significant reminiscing back to yesteryear. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 12 June; the topic being Films of Old Gloucester, followed by strawberries and wine.



On Saturday evening over 120 BMI members and past colleagues, family and friends gathered for an entertainment evening to celebrate Jan Richings' 30 year anniversary of working behind the bar. It was an ideal chance to congratulate her. It is very likely that anyone in the village using the BMI would have been served by Jan at one time or another over the past 30 years. And having been brought up here from the age of 10, although now living in Abbeydale, she is well known to many. When asked about her memories of "some" of the past 30 years, she recalled that the BMI was very different then. She had three children and worked the bar on a bingo night (which she still continues to do). The club was smaller, with a "men only" bar and members were mainly from the village. There were many regulars and it was easy to get involved and attached to them. And of course in a village like Upton St Leonards, there were many characters. Without naming names, (although I'm sure many readers will recognise the descriptions), one member had a habit of coming in just as last orders were called and would ask for 2 pints of beer. On one occasion, it backfired! It was Good Friday and the bar closed at 10.30p.m. He wandered in at his usual time of 10.50p.m. only to find Jan was clearing up. Needless to say he did not get his pints, and was not a "happy chappy!" However everyone else found it hilarious! Another past member always asked for a "full pint". No head on his beer, just liquid to the brim. I'm sure that Jan has more tales to tell! Despite working at the BMI for so long, Jan said she is still learning all the time. As she says, she has learnt a lot from the current steward Alec Russell, especially cellar work and real ales as they have become more popular. Sadly, she said over the years there had been a loss of many members, many of whom meant a lot to her. Jan wanted to thank everyone who attended on Saturday to make her evening special, including the organisers and Ian Oliver who provided the entertainment. She hoped that everyone had an enjoyable evening, and as she said, "I had a wonderful time." Well done Jan!

Upton St. Leonards WI Meeting - 1st May, 2017

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jerusalem was sung. Birthday cards were given out. GFWI celebrates its centenary in 2019 and all WI's have been invited to submit a design for a Wall Hanging. The winning WI will then make it and it will be hung in the Gloucester Room at Denman College; the runner up entry will be hung at WI House, Gloucester. There will be walks at Brockhampton on 15th July and at Staunton on 26th July and also a croquet afternoon on either 27th July or 17th August. The GFWI Christmas concert will be on 6th December with Wynne Evans from the Go Compare adverts as the guest artiste. 1 of our quiz teams is through to the next round. We had a very nice Cream Tea at Hortons. Our next lunch is 16th May at The Beacon, Haresfield. Pam gave a report on our very successful Fashion Show in April (see pictures on back page). The Resolutions were then discussed and voted on. We finished the evening with a game of Beetle, which was greatly enjoyed. Our next meeting is on June 5th. The speaker is Sandra Ashenford talking on Objects of Interest. Everyone welcome. I was asked to represent Upton WI at the Service of Licensing and Installation of The Reverend Clodagh Ingram at St Leonards on 30th April. It was very inspirational. We then went back to the Village Hall where a delicious tea was laid on. Many people had been very busy! Diane Thomas



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What's Been Happening? - Cont'd

USL Children's Annual Village Quiz

Wednesday 10th May was USL village annual quiz night, for the age category 9 years and under and what a turnout there was! With 12 teams battling it out, the hall was a buzz of excitement. Big Brains (see pic below) took an early lead and liking the idea of the winning podium stayed there until the end taking victory. Meanwhile battling it out for second were The Black Panthas and 'Speedy Cheaters' both coming in for joint second, so a tiebreaker question was asked to reveal runner up position. With a tense atmosphere, finally the results were in. Big Brains took 1st and Speedy Cheaters 2nd. Thank you to everyone that supported the event and took part.



Winners

Big Brains – (from left to right)
Tobi Perkins, Freddie Sharpe,
Finlay Duncton & Harry Smith

Running for The James Hopkins Trust

A young lady who lives in USL called Lauren Dent wanted to support The James Hopkins Trust and originally wanted to run a marathon.

As she is only 8 years old, she wasn't able to do this so instead is part way through running a mile a day for 26 days, finishing on 26 May.

She had initially set herself a target to raise £50 but has already been sponsored to the value of £925 which is a fantastic achievement for someone so young.

She is using the JustGiving website and a link to her page is shown below -

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Dent?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170516_96877



USL Life Fund Raise on Monday 15 May

Just to let everyone know that we raised £357.28 for our Village Newsletter which was a great result!

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who attended on the day despite the weather! My thanks also to everyone who contributed items, baked cakes, volunteered to help man the stalls, the Coffee Club gang, and Alec who worked hard serving up the coffees! The money raised will kick start a reserve fund for future expenditure such as replacing our laptop etc.

Peter Wilson

What's Coming Up?

Upton St Leonards Annual Village Show - Saturday 9th September

Will you get involved this year?

Many villagers will know that this annual event attracts exhibitors and those just wanting an entertaining Saturday afternoon. The Schedule is available on the website: <http://uptonstleonardsshow.com/> and hard copies are usually available by the end of June from the village shop and from Peter Macey.



There is still time to get your soft toys knitted, photos taken, runner beans planted and roses pruned. If you are a newbie at this lark then look at the Novice section. Cliff Alderman says "If I can win the Novice cup, then anyone can".



There's a large Children's section so let's all get involved. Do have a look at the Schedule and have a go! Whether it's flowers and veg, art and crafts, baking and preserving, your support is welcomed.

What's Coming Up? - Cont'd

Phone and Computer Clinic

The next seminar will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 28 June in the Village Hall. This will be repeat of the earlier seminar on "Security". Among the subjects we will discuss are:

- When is it OK to use an "easy" password, and when isn't it?
- How do I keep track of all my passwords?
- What is a firewall? What are cookies? Do I need to worry about them?
- How good is my virus checker?
- Is it safe to do my banking and shopping on-line?
- How do I avoid infections from e-mails and websites?



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Those who attended the earlier session on the subject found it very informative, and Richard and I picked up a few more requests for specific help. It is great to be able to announce that we have another volunteer "clinician" who can help with your problems in using your phone, tablet or computer. We have been joined by Jane Reed of Woodland Green. Please call one of us if you think we can help. We either come to your home, or meet you at the BMI on Monday morning Coffee Club, time (10am - 12).

Richard West

Andy Russell

Jane Reed



Citizens Advice Open Gardens

Sunday, 18th June – Open Garden at Ozleworth Park, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 7QU from 2pm – 5.30pm to raise much-needed funds for Citizens Advice Stroud District.

These are beautiful gardens which have not been open to the public for some time. The afternoon will include the Nailsworth Silver Band, delicious teas, plants, raffle and tombola. Entrance is £5.00 Children under 16 Free. Guide dogs are the only dogs which can be admitted.

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All proceeds will help to fund the support of our wonderful team of volunteers who help over 4,000 people a year across the Stroud District to resolve their problems, whatever they are.

June 18th marks 2 other occasions: it is Father's Day and it is also part of the weekend of 'The Great Get Together' when communities all over the country are being encouraged to join together on the anniversary of the tragic death of Jo Cox MP, to show that, whatever their views, they can still come together in harmony. We hope that many will come together with family, friends or neighbours on this day and enjoy these lovely gardens.

BMI Summer Quiz

For members and signed in guests

Saturday 1st July 2017 with Eric @ 8.00p.m.

£1.25 per person for teams of up to 6

All profit on the night to be donated to the BMI charity for 2017 – 2018 (Charity to be advised)



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What's Coming Up? - Cont'd

The Lord's Taverners are coming to Upton St Leonards on 21 July Tickets are selling fast!!

The Lord's Taverners is the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity dedicated to giving disadvantaged and disabled young people a sporting chance. On Friday 21st July 2017 The Lords's Taverners will be putting on two events in Upton.



Event 1 1pm – 6pm Cricket match at the recreation ground

A charity cricket match between USLCC and a Lord's Taverners team consisting of an array of celebrities from stage and screen and ex professional cricket players.

There are opportunities for villagers to play in the match (make contact soon as there are only a few places left). VIP tickets available to the event which includes lunch and afternoon tea with the Lord's Taverners celebrities. VIP tickets are £40 each, limited to 30 people.

Spectators are asked to make a donation to watch the event. Refreshments are available all day.

Event 2 7.30pm – 11.30pm A Black Tie charity Dinner at USL school

A Black Tie charity dinner with special guest speaker (TBC) and an exceptional Master of Ceremonies (Jon Desborough – Sky Sports presenter). The Dinner is limited to 150 people. Tickets are £50 each. Over 100 tickets have already been purchased so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

Further details, confirming the guest speaker and Lord's Taverners cricket team, will be published next month but if you would like further information or to purchase tickets please contact the organiser, Paul Mount, who is our local Lord's Taverner.



This is one of only 12 such events in the UK this year and we are privileged to be selected as a venue for such a prestigious organisation which does so much good for young people.

A specially adapted "Lord's Taverners Minibus will be presented on the day, to a local school in real need of such transport, by a Lord's Taverners celebrity.

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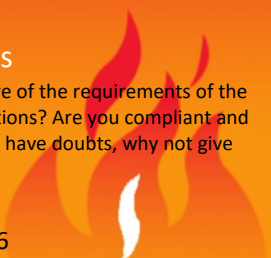


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Information

Upton St Leonards Parish Council - Annual Report 2017

Chairman's Report: Cllr Keith Pearson

Once again I should like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Council for their hard work during the past year. This has been another busy year for the Council. The main thrust of our efforts was to try to get some action on the Motorway noise that the Village has suffered for long enough. I am of course very pleased to be able to say that we did achieve a result, in that after much badgering of the authorities at the highest level, including the Roads Minister, we managed to get Highways England to bring forward their resurfacing works for a low noise surface by 2 years or so. Our efforts will not stop there and we will continue to push for improvements to the noise barriers as well. Last Summer saw the Village hold another Village Day, although this was not originally planned as we agreed to hold it every two years, but as it was the Queen's 90th birthday celebration we felt it right to join in. This was once again organised by a small Committee headed up by Carol Evans; thanks to all for a job well done. The Village Hall, the Church and the Upton St Leonards Playgroup all benefited from the funds raised, thank you to all who supported us. The Chairs of Committees will outline the highlights of this year below.

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

Recreation Committee: Cllr David Hunt

A stand out moment in the past 12 months at the Rec has been the success enjoyed by the USL 1st Team (Football) who are Stroud League winners, earning promotion to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League for the first time in the club's history. Many congratulations to all involved and best wishes for the season to come.

Ground conditions are generally good following a mild winter and spring. The new cricket nets provided by the Cricket Club last year are a quality facility and are already being intensively used. Recent repainting of the hardcourt surface by the Tennis Club has produced a revitalised 'as new' appearance which is much appreciated. In recent months, at the edge of the pitch, the Telecom mast has been upgraded and provided with a fenced in compound to ensure security. It should be noted that rental from the mast is an important contribution to the running costs of the grounds and pavilion.

Improvements at the Pavilion have been made and are ongoing. New easier to clean flooring has been installed on the ground floor, and motion switched lighting fitted. WiFi has been introduced to improve facilities in the function room. Outside work is currently being undertaken to improve and extend the patio area.

Consideration is now being given to the possible introduction of an outdoor gym for adults (apparently we all need more exercise!) A possible siting for the exercise equipment could be on the edge of the Glebe Field adjacent to the children's playground. A consultation process, asking for your views, is about to commence (see USL Life and Notice Boards for further details).

USCAN continues to maintain and manage an interesting wildflower walk on the boundary between the Rec and the Glebe Field.

Andy Russell continues as volunteer Pavilion Manager and I would like to extend a formal thank you for the considerable time and effort he devotes to this. Thank you also to Richard Stevenson who ensures the parking area is locked at night.

Finally, the Recreation Ground can be booked for special events by private organisations/clubs etc, subject to no detriment to the facility's main users. A constraining factor when considering this is the restricted on-site car parking, and the council is monitoring this to ensure that bookings do not cause undue problems for neighbours.

Environment Committee: Cllr Peter Wilson

All of the good activities that make our village such a nice place to live have continued over the last year.

Our USCAN volunteers have done another sterling job of maintaining our footpaths through their weekly efforts on a Tuesday morning. They have organised litter picks, helped maintain several areas around USL and Cud Hill which are owned by the Parish Council. They have also greatly improved the church grounds over the last 12 months. We have also continued with our cattle grazing arrangements which contribute to keeping Cud Hill in good condition.

Our Parish Clerk organises grass cutting in various areas of the village eg the Village Green, and liaises with our Water Warden to ensure our water courses are kept clear.

During a Council meeting earlier in the year we agreed to go out to residents via our village newsletter to ask for improvement ideas. As a result we are currently working on a number of areas including restricting vehicle speeds (in conjunction with Highways), siting benches in different places, providing outdoor gym equipment for adults (see Recreation Report) and play equipment for children. Updates on all the ideas will be covered in USL Life as progress is made.

Another improvement already implemented is the Christmas Tree (with lights) on the Village Green, and feedback received has been very positive.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Parish Clerk for all his support through the year, and every volunteer who has made a contribution to keeping our village in excellent condition.

Upton St Leonards Parish Council - Annual Report 2017 - cont'd

Planning Committee: Cllr Chrissie Castle

Formal applications for planning in the village this year were up, at 46 compared to 32 last year. We have seen the completion of the small development on the Ash Path and the nearly completed development of two bungalows on Bondend Road. Most applications were for extensions/modifications to homes as people opt to renovate rather than move. The current stamp duty levels may well have something to do with this. The building of bungalows has allowed people to downsize and so release larger homes for families to buy. More homes have also been built in Coopers Edge but this will now be the last of the homes on that site which will come within our parish.

The planning objections at Prinknash were considered and the application has been turned down, much to the relief of those who would have been affected. We have still received no further news on the development of the land by Bowden Hall although we understand the land has now been sold to a developer. We are waiting for more information regarding the application for some 650 homes on Winnycroft Road. The committee has raised concerns regarding the impact of these homes being built, even though they are outside our area for planning, as we feel they will have an adverse impact regarding traffic in the village.

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

Allotment Report: Cllr Hilary Morris

The last year has been very successful for the allotment society. As fast as sites become available, particularly at Perry Orchard, they are quickly let. It seems we may need to start a waiting list for Perry Orchard soon.

The big thank you has to go to the allotment managers for their hard work, and particularly to Carol Evans who did a stalwart job helping Roy and myself with the contract renewals.

Her spreadsheets are invaluable. We also have to say a thank

you to some allotment holders for their assistance on occasions.

The Parish Council has received many compliments about the standard of care the allotment holders put into their plots. Perry Orchard in particular has been praised as it is in the middle of the village and gives a very good impression of how much care is given. Thank you all very much.

I am informed that Carol has details of someone who does rotavating and also maintenance of equipment, should allotment holders need help.

It is hoped that a BBQ will be arranged this year in Perry Orchard.

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

Finance: Roy Balgobin Clerk

The Accounts for the year ended 2017 show a deficit of £363.63 for the year. The Council received income of £47,645 of which £33,000 is made up of the precept. The expenditure covers the upkeep of the Pavilion, the Recreation Ground, allotments, Village Green, and also ensuring that the high standards of maintenance are achieved throughout the village. A full set of accounts is available by contacting the Clerk on 01452 621688.



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CHURCH NEWS

Revd Clodagh writes . . .

Some months ago I was asked by a friend, 'How will you begin your new job?' She had just heard that I had been appointed to the role of Priest in Charge at St Leonard's in Upton on a half time basis. It struck me as a great question.

As it turned out I began by turning up at St Leonard's Church on a bright and beautiful sunny afternoon on 30th April and alongside family, friends, local parishioners, clergy colleagues, Archdeacon Jackie and Bishop Rachel, I committed with the help of God to lead God's people at St Leonard's to know him more fully, so that we could share the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ with the wider community in Upton and Coopers Edge. Bishop Rachel spoke of Jesus bringing life in all its fullness to those who follow him and I received symbols of the ministry I am to lead. Symbols that speak of the new life made possible when individuals turn to Jesus and are baptised. Symbols that speak of the life giving word of God found in the Bible and symbols that speak of the fellowship to be shared as we gather around the communion table to worship God together.

I am beginning my new role encouraged by all that happened on the 30th and by the very evident good will and delight that this new chapter is beginning in the life

CHURCH CALENDAR - JUNE

Sunday 4th - WHIT SUNDAY

8.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)
10.00am Family Service with communion
(Revd Clodagh)

Tuesday 6th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Sunday 11th

10.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)

Tuesday 13th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

No Mothers' Union meeting in June

Sunday 18th

10.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)
6.00pm Evening service (Revd Clodagh)

Tuesday 20th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Sunday 25th

10.00am Communion

Monday 26th - Induction service 7.30pm at St Oswalds, Coney Hill, for their new Priest-in-Charge, Revd James Faragher

Tuesday 27th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

of St Leonard's Church shared by the congregation and villagers alike. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the preparation of the church, the service and the fabulous afternoon tea in the village hall afterwards.

My post is half time which means that I will be working the equivalent of three days a week. This arrangement will entail working Sunday plus two days a week: working a full day on Sunday plus a half day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and working the other half day flexibly to cover afternoon or evening meetings or on a Saturday when there is a wedding to be conducted. I will not be available on Thursday and Fridays for parish ministry.

So my new job has begun and I have started to get to know the congregation at St Leonard's and hear how God is at work in this beautiful place. So I know the answer to my friend's question, 'How will you begin your new job?' Giving thanks to God for his goodness and provision and getting to know the people he has placed in my care.

Clodagh

Who's Who at the Parish Church

Priest-in-Charge:

Revd Clodagh Ingram
Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to Wednesdays.

Churchwardens:

1 Keith Robbins
2 Rachel Hall

PCC Secretary:

Roy Roberts

Church Treasurer:

Vacancy

Baptism & Wedding Enquiries:

Church Administrator:

Jenny Cunningham

Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

Bell Tower Captain:

Charlie Burnett

Mothers' Union:

Rachel Hall

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Claire Appleyard

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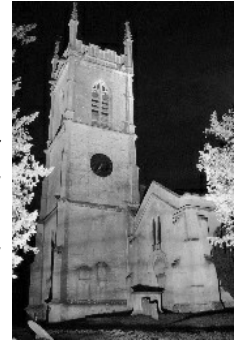
Electoral Roll Officer:

Naomi Gunn-Stanley

CHURCH NEWS

TOWER FLOODLIGHTS

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 for more details. There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to give to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to gift aid any donation this will help us too. Please note that the deadline to ensure a dedication gets in this newsletter is the 10th of the preceding month.



More pictures from the licensing: at the Village Hall tea afterwards



With the Bishop looking on, Revd Clodagh cuts the cake, made for the occasion by Esther Bourne of The Cakery.

The Village Hall was packed for the tea after the licensing service.

(The church model and "Carry on Upton Church" sign are of course from the recent Rent-a-Crowd party)



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The Principals at the Licensing Service. From left to right: Churchwarden Rachel Hall, Bishop Rachel, Revd Clodagh Ingram, Dan Ingram, Archdeacon Jackie Searle, Churchwarden Keith Robbins and the Deputy Area Dean for Gloucester City, Revd Ruth Fitter.

Many of the congregation of 263 stayed behind for photos whilst Charlie Burnett and his band rang the bells. The congregation raised £736.05 for the Bishop's charities - The Nelson Trust (Gloucester) and the Diocese of Western Tanganyika.

We asked for help with catering and other arrangements for the licensing. Dorothy Cox writes:

What a Wonderful Community You Are!

A very big thank you to everyone who responded to my request last month for donations of sandwiches, cakes and scones to celebrate the licensing of Revd Clodagh. During the afternoon it reminded me of the parable of the Five Loaves of Bread and the Two Fish when the food multiplied and there was enough for everybody.

Thanks must also go to those who offered their help in so many ways, moving furniture, manning the hall during the service, car parking attendants, etc. The response was fantastic from all sectors of

the community, resulting in a great team and providing a warm welcome to all the visitors and local community. It was great to see St Leonard's Church so full of people. Perhaps you may consider coming along to a service or event and help us to be like the parable, growing in numbers and faith. You would always get a warm welcome at the Tuesday coffee morning in the Church.

Sunday 30th April was certainly a wonderful uplifting day for the future mission in the life of St Leonard's. Your help was greatly appreciated on making this day such a successful and memorable occasion for Revd Clodagh as she joins us in the fellowship of our community.

On behalf of the PCC and church community, THANK YOU!

Dorothy

The licensing service was led by a female bishop, assisted by a female archdeacon. The area dean (female) was unable to be present, so her female deputy came in her place, to install a female priest! I hope we can all delight in this wonderful demonstration of how the C of E has now embraced the tremendous talents and gifts of women up to its highest echelons - no glass ceilings here.

Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The meetings were held after the morning service on 23 April when accounts, reports, and the Electoral Roll (66 members) were presented to parishioners and members of the congregation. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Rachel Hall was elected as Churchwarden and joins Keith Robbins who was re-elected – great to have two churchwardens at last! Jenny Cunningham was elected to the PCC – previously of course she was a member and churchwarden - and the remaining members of the PCC were re-elected for a further year (Naomi Gunn-Stanley, David Knight, Roy Roberts, Sheila Thomas). As Diocesan Synod Representative, Dorothy Cox continues as an ex-officio member of the PCC, as do the two churchwardens.



ORGAN APPEAL - update

Our Smartie tube "put in" initiative collected over £300 so thank you to all those who took part. If any are still lurking around even if half full please return to Keith Robbins. I must say a big thank you to people who have donated generously to the organ fund. It is through your generosity that we can hope to have the organ repaired. Anyone wishing to donate to this specific fund please make the cheque payable to Upton St. Leonard's PCC . It can be put through Keith's letterbox at 11 Staites Orchard. I am still pursuing other options and grants so that the repairs can be organised and the note "B", along with other notes, can be restored!!! Thank you again. Sheila Thomas

Band on The Green

Mark Knight and his 28-strong Gloucester Brass Band delighted villagers of all ages with a Sunday afternoon Summer Concert on the Village Green. The sunny and breezy weather was matched by a cheerful variety of music showcasing the Band's talents - with diverse pieces such as Disney's Snow White, Sunset Boulevard, a James Bond medley, the theme from Game of Thrones and even a German Oompah Band tune with an unpronounceable name. New Priest in Charge Reverend Clodagh Ingram and her family were given an enthusiastic Upton welcome, and villagers clapped along to the music; even the four dogs in the audience (Marley, Bluebell, Jess and Tia) seemed excited! A very pleasant afternoon was had by all, with over £250 raised for Christian Aid and Church funds.



Thank you to our Village Shop and customers

To all those people who have contributed in some way to the Community Fund at the Village Shop, "Thank you". This may be as a result of surplus produce from your garden or putting an advert on the notice board or in some other way. As a result Rahul and Seeta have kindly given £96 to St Leonard's Fabric Fund to help with the repairs to the Church building.

This is greatly appreciated and we thank Rahul and Seeta for their generous support to the community.

Focus on The Barnwood Trust

In this the second of the occasional series about the best and least well known charitable trusts based in Gloucestershire, our focus is on the **Barnwood Trust**. Today's article is a very condensed version of the charity's history which spans 200 hundred years. Its journey tells us much about the passion of people to pursue an ideal and has everything from philanthropy and aspiration to deceit and duplicity. There is more information about the charity's history available online.

The Trust had its roots in the philanthropic movement of the late eighteenth century which sought to improve the care and conditions of people with a mental illness. In January 1792 the Governors of the then Gloucester Infirmary wanted to extend the remit of the Infirmary to provide suitable care for the mentally ill. And in 1794 a subscription list was opened for the purpose of raising funds to build a separate hospital. In 1811 land in Horton Road, Gloucester was purchased. By the middle of 1812 the fund amounted to £11,000, but this was deemed insufficient to proceed with building works, so the Subscribers joined forces with the magistrates of the County and the City of Gloucester to realise their ambitions of building a new hospital. This was finally achieved in 1823. The crescent shaped building in Horton Road still stands today and has now been converted to residential apartments.

The intention of the Subscribers at that time was that the County and City authorities would be responsible for the cost of caring for those on parish relief, the wealthy patients would pay for their own care, and those in need but not qualified to receive parish relief would be subsidised from fees paid by the wealthy patients. (Nothing changes!) This latter group were known as the "charity patients". However, this scheme eventually proved unsatisfactory as the two parties to the union had incompatible aims. In short, the local authorities were using the income from the wealthy patients to subsidise the parish relief part of the hospital, which had the effect of excluding the "charity patients" group. A new agreement was established in 1846 and the County and City had to pay back sums "credited in error"!

This new arrangement was not to last and a final break was made in 1856 when by agreement the City and County bought out the Subscribers' (i.e. the Trustees) share of the property and assets. This paved the way for the Trustees to make a fresh start in making provision for those of "easy means" and those "educated persons of moderate means" (i.e the middle classes) for whom there was no provision following the breakdown between the local authorities and the trustees. This was finally achieved by the purchase of a substantial property in Barnwood Road in 1858 and the opening of the hospital for up to one hundred patients in 1860. It took five years before the hospital became self-supporting, and over the following decades, right into the 20th century, the hospital grew to accommodate 400 patients and acquired much land and property in and around Gloucester to provide food for the hospital and recreation for the patients.

Its success - due to the high standard of its care and innovative treatments - made the hospital a very well-regarded organisation, even allowing it to escape nationalisation following the NHS Act 1946. However, by the 1960s it became apparent that the hospital was no longer sustainable when patients could receive free care and treatment from the NHS. The decision was made to sell the assets of the Trust and start afresh once more. Nothing now remains of the Barnwood House Hospital, except for the arboretum behind it that is now maintained by the City. The story continues, and an account of the Trust's more recent history and work today will follow in a later edition.

Chris Ellson

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Focus on one of our Advertisers Sandra Walklett's Private Hire Service

I'm Sandra, a local person, having been born just up the hill in Painswick a few years ago!!

My parents owned Painswick Bakery, which was in the family for over 100 years and supplied bread to Upton St Leonards, so I have had a long association with the village since childhood. I currently live just over the bridge in Abbeymead.



I used to advertise in the Church News and have continued advertising with USL Life since it started in 2014.

Most of my career has been in office based work, however, 10 years ago I decided it was time for a change. I have always enjoyed driving and meeting people and thought that starting my own Private Hire business would give me the opportunity for both.

I regularly do long distance journeys to airports, seaports, hotels etc but also fit in local trips to hospitals, doctors' surgeries and train stations. All enquiries are welcome.

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Things to do in your Garden / Allotment in June

I remember my father telling me about the old saying "Ne'er cast a clout till May be out" which meant it's wise not to plant tender plants until the end of May when all signs of frost are gone. We also celebrate the longest day on the 21st of June, which encourages extra light and warmth to put on a burst of growth, which also means weeds will sprout up from nowhere.

So here are a few things you can be going on with in your patch. Hoe borders to keep down weeds, pinch out side shoots on tomatoes, harvest lettuce and early potatoes, put out hanging baskets and summer bedding, stake plants, mow lawns at least once a week. If you have planted sweet peas, keep picking to encourage more blooms, and dead head roses. Remember to open vents and doors in the greenhouse on hot days.

In the Vegetable patch, you can now plant out courgettes, squash, outdoor tomatoes, and it's not too late to plant runner beans and any other legumes. Also keep planting your salad seeds. Everything benefits from a good feed at this time of year.

Update on my Soya Beans. First two tries and planting seed only one plant survived. Last week I bought some more seeds and third time lucky I have plants two inches tall. I will plant them out this month and let you know how they are doing.

Carol Evans

Allotment Vacancy

Who is going to be the lucky person to have the last remaining Plot on the Perry Orchard Allotment Site?

We are a friendly and sociable bunch.

Also, we have loads of plastic Compost Bins spare so if you are interested and can collect please contact Carol Evans .



Change of Head at Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

It is with sadness, that we report our Head Teacher, Cottia Howard has taken the decision to retire at the end of the summer term. Ms Howard has led the school through some incredibly challenging times over the past twelve years. However her commitment and passion have not only contributed to the development of the school but have enhanced our reputation across the local area with parents, pupils and the wider community.

Throughout the lengthy recruitment process, Governors were looking for a Head Teacher to build on the school's many strengths, to bring innovative ideas for the future, and a rigorous approach to school improvement for the benefit of all our pupils. We had a very strong and experienced field of candidates for the post, who were put through a demanding two-day selection process at the end of April. It is important to mention that during the two days, all four candidates were overwhelmed by the reception they received from the school and praised the pupils for their behaviour and enjoyment of learning, and staff for their professionalism.

I am delighted to announce we have successfully appointed Mr Mark Allen as the new Head Teacher at our school, effective from the 1st September 2017. Governors were unanimous in their decision to appoint Mr Allen and we are confident that he will build on the success we have worked so hard to secure during Ms Howard's leadership.

Mr Allen is an experienced Head Teacher currently at a Church of England School in Worcestershire, however; he has come full circle as he started his teaching career at our school in 1996 as a newly qualified teacher, before moving on a number of years later.

So what are Mr Allen's priorities as the new Head Teacher at Upton St Leonards Primary School? He is fully committed to providing children with the best possible start in life and believes that all children deserve a well-rounded education to prepare them for the future in a rapidly changing world.

Out of school, Mr Allen maintains a healthy lifestyle with a wide range of activities such as playing football and golf, cycling, wild-camping, walking and also reading, art and listening to music. He has also recently taken up photography.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body, pupils, staff and parents to wish Ms Howard well for the future. She will now have time for the other passions in her life; music, photography, birdwatching, and art (for which she has developed a real talent). We know that she will leave the school with fond memories and a real sense of achievement for what she has been able to do during her time with us.

Beth Gill, Chair of Governors



Mr Mark Allen

Information - cont'd

Upstagers

Are there any potential Thespians out there?

The UpStagers, who provide entertainment in the Village Hall as the local Drama group, are looking to recruit more members in order that they continue to present their productions. In February they are presenting a pantomime, "Aladdin", and in the late summer hope to put on a one-act play. If you think that you would like to take part, not just acting on the stage, but also behind the scenes, please come along and meet us. Our club night is every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in Bondend Rd.

Look forward to seeing you!



"I AM A LONELY BOUQUET PLEASE TAKE ME HOME"



To celebrate National Flower Arranging Day, Friday 5th May, the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies with the National Federation of Women's Institutes were asked to leave some flowers for a stranger to take home and enjoy, and Twyver WI decided to leave some flowers in Upton.

Did you see this on the village green?

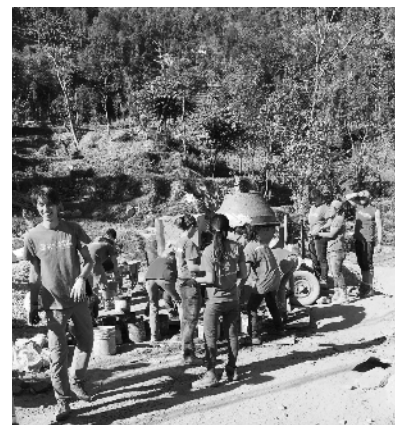
Were you the lucky person to take it home to enjoy?

The Lady Downe Charity (Registered Charity no. 286577)

The trustees have received a Report from a young resident of the village who recently went out to Nepal to help rebuild schools in the earthquake-damaged area:

The trip was the best thing I've done in my life so far. It was my first time travelling alone and I encountered problems from the beginning, starting with my bags not being at the airport to bus strikes at my final destination. Despite this, everything worked out and I was able to have an incredible time. I arrived just as the foundations of the first school building had been laid, so I was able to see good progress. The first building was completely finished in a couple of months and the second, which I was helping to build, has now also been completed.

The experience has led me to have a slightly different outlook on life, including not taking every day comforts for granted, from clean water to surfaced roads. I cannot thank the trust enough for helping me financially to visit Nepal. I would highly recommend the charity to anybody of any age.



The Charity's website www.ladydowne.org has details of the trust, who is eligible and how to apply; or write to the Clerk: Mrs E. J. McGrory, The Coach House, Well Close, Cooper's Hill, Glos GL3 4RZ

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

VILLAGE DIARY

MONTH

JUN E

1	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
1	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
5	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
5	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
5	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
5	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
5	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
5	Mon	Parish Council Annual Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
6	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
6	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
6	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
7	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
7	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
7	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
7	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
7	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
7	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
8	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
8	Thu	General Election.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00a.m.-10.00p.m.
10	Sat	Copy Date for July issue of USL Life		
12	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
12	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
12	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
12	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
12	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
12	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
13	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
13	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
13	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
14	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
14	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
14	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
14	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.0-4.00p.m.
14	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30pm.
14	Wed	Bingo.....	Village Hall.....	8.00p.m.
14	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30pm.
15	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
15	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
15	Thu	Public Consultation on Village Improvements.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-7.00p.m.
19	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
19	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
19	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
19	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
19	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
19	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
20	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins).....		
20	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
20	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
20	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
21	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
21	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	St Fagans, Cardiff - coach from B.M.I.....	9.00a.m.
21	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30a.m.
21	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
21	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
21	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
21	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
22	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
22	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
26	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
26	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
26	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
26	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
26	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
27	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
27	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
28	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.

28	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
28	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
28	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
28	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
28	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
28	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
29	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
29	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
29	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

J U L Y

1	Sat	Summer Quiz Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Mon	Copy date for August issue of USL Life		
17	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
19	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
21	Fri	Lord's Taverners Cricket Match.....	The Rec.....	1.00-6.00pm
21	Fri	Lord's Taverners Black Tie Charity Event.....	USL School.....	7.30-11.30pm
20	Thu	History Group - AGM / "Railways of Gloucestershire".....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
24	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Meeting		
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

A U G U S T

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.
21	Mon	Abbeyle 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.

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary

THANK YOU!

I would like to say thank you to everyone who stopped to help me when I fell near the post box in Churchfield Road last Thursday (11 May). Special thanks to Sophie, HCA at Gloucester Hospital, who called an ambulance and stayed with me until it arrived. Also, to our Postie, Carlton, who went to get my daughter who lives close by. Thanks to her as well.

I shall never forget the kindness shown to me that day. How lucky we are to live in such a caring community.

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HENRY HOPKINS

Henry was born in Tuffley in 1897, the son of Frederick and Phoebe Hopkins. His father was an Upton man, and after Henry was born the family moved back to the Village, living in "Bick's Brook, Portway" (according to the 1901 census). Henry attended Upton School from February 1901. He enlisted at age 16 into the 1/5th, Gloucestershire Regiment, with service number 240652, He was wounded in 1916, but returned to active service and was killed in action during the battle for Cambrai on 5 April 1917, aged 19. He is buried in Unicorn Cemetery north of St Quetin, France.

(The Village War memorial shows his name in the panel for deaths in 1916, and as a result, our researchers missed his name for the correct centenary of April 1917 for this magazine).

LUTHER HARDY

This month marks the centenary of the death in WWI of another young man from Upton, Luther Hardy. Luther wasn't Upton born and bred, in fact he was born in the city of Lincoln in 1888. He became a gardener, and moved to Upton in about 1912, probably to work at one of the large houses in the Village. Luther signed up in the very first days of the war, and was in a cycle brigade of the Worcestershire Regiment, service number 15650. In 1916 he transferred to the Army Cycle Corps (service number 5389) and was killed by an enemy shell near Dunkirk on 27 June 1917, aged 29. He is buried in Dunkirk Town Cemetery. Luther was unmarried - next of kin at his death was in fact his grandfather - he was orphaned at a very young age and brought up by his grandparents.

The Whittle Walk

Jet Age Museum staff have plotted a route called The Whittle and Wildflowers Walk, round the former Brockworth airfield site. As its name implies, the walk is a tribute to the work of Sir Frank Whittle in designing the world's first jet engine.

It also commemorates the work of the Gloster Aircraft Company which designed and constructed the first British aircraft powered by this 'world shrinking' invention, all achieved in the early years of WW2. The walk was opened in early April this year by Ian Whittle, son of Sir Frank.



Sir Frank Whittle

Ian Whittle



The walk is about 4 miles long, through parts of what is now the Gloucester Business Park and Coopers Edge development. On the walk's southern and western legs, it passes through the Hucclecote wildlife meadows and the fields in the village that border Coopers Edge.

There is a leaflet illustrating the walk and copies are available in the Village Hall entrance and at the Jet Age Museum.

David Hunt

Twyver Ladies Walking Group

There were nine ladies from the Twyver Ladies walking group in May.

We were led by Penny Owen, starting at the National Trust car park at Haresfield Beacon. It was a beautiful walk through the woods where there were drifts of white garlic and seas of bluebells; absolutely stunning. We also managed to see some Alpacas. A cake and coffee stop was needed with a lovely view over the valley. A few of us finished off with lunch at the Kings Head.



Julie Threlfall

USL WI Fashion Show - 21 April 2017



Upton WI had a very successful Fashion Show with M&Co.

Here are some photos of our models, all members or friends of the WI.



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