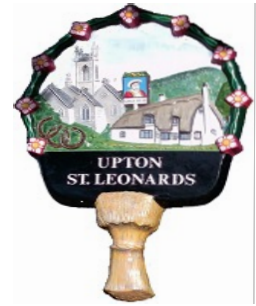


Upton St Leonards Life

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A vibrant, comic-book style poster for Upton St Leonards Village Day 2018. The title 'UPTON ST LEONARDS Village Day 2018' is written in large, 3D block letters. The event is on Saturday, 16th June 2018, from 1PM to 4PM. Activities listed in starburst shapes include: Dog Show, Stalls & Games, Parade, Children's Entertainment, Come As A Superhero, Prizes for Best Dressed, Refreshments, Surprise Celebrity Judge, and Grand Prize Draw. There is also an evening event from 7:30PM to 11PM featuring Ploughman's and the Bleeding Hearts Band. Entry is by ticket only for £10, contact Carol. The poster is decorated with illustrations of Superman and Wonder Woman.

UPTON ST LEONARDS
Village Day 2018
SATURDAY
16TH JUNE 2018
1PM-4PM


Children's Entertainment
Dog Show
Stalls & Games
Parade
Come As A Superhero
Prizes for Best Dressed
Refreshments
Surprise Celebrity Judge
Grand Prize Draw

EVENING 7:30PM-11PM . PLOUGHMAN'S . BLEEDING HEARTS BAND
ENTRY BY TICKET ONLY, £10, CALL CAROL

Schedule of Events for Village Day
Can be found on Page 8

Our 'Superheroes Village Day' is fast approaching

We need more helpers on the day. Even if you can only spare an hour we will be most grateful. The Party tents are to be put up on Friday 15 afternoon and we need some strong superheroes to help with them.



Donations of cakes on the day to the village hall.

Books and tombola prizes would be much appreciated.

Please contact Carol Evans or Keith Pearson

VILLAGE DAY DANCE



SATURDAY 16 JUNE - VILLAGE HALL
Come and Dance the night away with
"The Bleeding Hearts"
7.30pm - 11pm BAR
£10 Including Ploughman's Supper
ADULTS ONLY AND ENTRANCE BY TICKET ONLY
CONTACT - CAROL EVANS

News from the WI

UPTON ST LEONARDS WI

President Lynne welcomed a good number of ladies on a hot summer evening. Business was brief as Lynne mentioned our afternoon tea at Lily's was a great success which may be repeated later in the year. Our next lunch club meeting will be held at Cote Brasserie in The Quays on Tuesday May 15 at 12.15pm. We meet at Painswick Institute at 7.30pm on Monday 14 May for a skittles match. The outing to Concorde Museum at Filton will leave Upton Village Hall at 9.30am on Wednesday 23 May and return by 3pm. We will be having an outing to Tewkesbury Abbey on July 11. The Group Rally at Witcombe was well attended and enjoyed. A display of vintage wedding dresses was shown and some ladies modelled hats of various designs and sizes. Denman vouchers were given to USL WI to the value of £250. A draw will be made at our June meeting.

The NFWI resolution for "Mental health Issues" was read and discussed by members and we agreed for it to be carried forward, also to give discretion to the delegate how to vote after hearing presentations and debate at the Annual Meeting in Cardiff in June.

The quiz was fun and questions were on general knowledge and areas of Gloucestershire. There were winners and losers but the evening was enjoyed by us all, rounding off with home made cakes, tea and coffee.

We meet again in Upton St Leonards Village Hall on Monday 14 June for a talk on German Occupation of Guernsey during World War II presented by Sue Down.

Kathy Quant

TWYVER WI

A warm welcome was extended to all by President Monica. The group was reminded to look at the boards and sign up for future events.

Members were informed about The Big Lunch initiative – this year's Big Lunch is on Sunday 3rd June 2018. The Big Lunch is a very simple idea and the aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually in June in a simple act of community, friendship and fun so why not join in?

Members were advised of the annual meeting in Cardiff on the NFWI resolution regarding Mental Health Issues and all voted unanimously in favour.

Millie Barnes also addressed the group on the Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP); please see page 13 on Family Wellbeing for further information.



Our speaker for the evening, Helen Barry showed us how to make paper carnations with nothing more than a piece of wire, a paper napkin, pinking shears and some florist tape. Before long everyone was busily engaged in making their own and it was surprising how easy they were to make and how effective.

Next month our speaker will talk to us about the Suffragette Movement, due to it being its Centenary Year. All members were encouraged to wear purple. Our meeting next month will be on Monday, 11 June at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

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What's been happening in Upton?

“What's Happening” for Upton St Leonards Ladies Probus

"Everybody loves a sailor" so the saying goes. Well, we certainly warmed to our speaker at our April meeting - Richard Levinge - who gave us a humorous and fascinating insight into life as a submariner. He served as a Lieutenant for twelve years in the Royal Navy, mainly in nuclear powered submarines. Among many things, we learned that tours of duty could last for several months, limited only by supplies of food.

When the WRNS was disbanded, women were able to serve alongside men in submarines which inevitably led to on board romances. The rule was "no hanky panky" on board ship where there was little or no privacy. Talking of privacy, we also learned that submarines are under great water pressure as they travel the depths and can shrink. It was not unknown for people to get trapped in "the heads" because the infrastructure compressed the door. Apparently, the solution was to bring the sub up towards the surface. We were not quite sure if that was an old sea dog's tale!

What made Richard's talk so interesting was that he told us about the human side of life on board and not so much about technical matters. Richard now runs a training company and is the Chair of Governors of Milestones School and a great advocate for the Chamwell Centre Project which will bring much needed extra facilities to Milestones, a school for children with disabilities.

On behalf of the Club, President Chris presented Richard with a donation for the project. Our next meeting is on June 20th at the BMI when our speaker will be Shaun McCormack talking about the Yeomen of the Guard.


Chris Ellson

Race Night at BMI



On Saturday 21 May a race night was held at the BMI. This is always a "fun night", with races for 6 wooden horses competing in the skittle alley! Mike Long provides the horses and converts the alley into the race track including jumps! It's all very light hearted! We have to thank Mary McClachlan and Sarah Wakeley who tossed the dice – one dice for the number of the horse, and one for the number of moves! Mike who had the hard task of moving each of the horses, and also Mike Barnfield handled the betting!

An amazing amount of £315.00 was raised on the night. This was the last fundraising event for the 2017-18 charities Air Ambulance and Maggies. A new charity will be chosen for 2018-19.

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What's been happening in Upton?

Upton St Leonards Village Hall



Annual Report for the period 1 February 2017 to 31 January 2018

The Village Hall is a central feature of the village. The hall was founded after WW1 as a gift to the village by the Birchall family, who then resided at Bowden Hall, in memory of the family members who died in the conflict. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission (No 214415).

At the 1st March 2017 the Trustees were:

Keith L Pearson	Elected Member & Chairman
Jackie Lord	Elected Member & Chair of Social Sub-Committee
Stewart Tedaldi	Elected Member and also Badminton Club
Michael Stratford	Elected Member Parish Council Nominee
Mallory Merrett	Guides & Brownies
Sarah Desforges	Elected member
Ann Pearson	Elected member & Bookings Clerk
Carol Evans	Elected member
James Browne	Elected Member
Michelle King	Elected member (Play Group)

The Village Hall has had another good year of operation and the accounts show an income over expenditure for the year, of £9941. I am pleased to report that the new kitchen has been well looked after. Bookings have been maintained, occasional bookings are strong and in fact we continue to get bookings for wedding receptions. The USL Life group hold their editorial meeting in the hall and we allow this for no charge as they are providing the service to the whole community.

One of our residents Mr Louis Rolla who lived in Six Acres, sadly passed away last year and very kindly left instructions that a gift be made to the hall to pay for or contribute to a project. We are currently looking to replace all the old fluorescent tube lighting in the hall with LED lighting as this will save electricity costs in the long term and be more efficient overall. We have been joined on the Trustee group by Mr Jim Browne and Mrs Michelle King, so at the moment have 10 people on the list but we are still at least 1 short.

I am at the point that I have to consider how much longer I can stay on as Chairman as I have done this since 2002 and although proud of the way we have moved the Hall forward no-one can go on forever; age creeps up. We really need to encourage some of the younger recently arrived residents to start to take the reins or in the long term I fear the hall will fade away.

Bonfire night was once again successful in November and raised about £2500 net towards funds. Village Day is back on the programme this year for 16 June, but we are desperate for helpers.

I also have to have my annual moan. It wouldn't be the Annual Report if it was all roses. Despite always reminding folk, we still find lights on and occasionally fire doors left open. Would everybody ensure that when they leave the lights are turned off, particularly the outside lights? However the most important issue is the leaving open of the fire doors!!!!

We have not increased any charges this year, but we will certainly need to have an inflationary increase for 2019 and will advise all groups accordingly.

I would also, of course, like to record our thanks to all those who volunteered in any way at events throughout the year. Your help is always appreciated.

Keith L Pearson Chairman, USL Village Hall Management Committee

What's been happening in Upton?

BMI Cancer Charity



On Thursday 10 May a Coffee morning was arranged at the BMI in support of the charity, "The Great Stand Up to CANCER Bake Off". Nearly 50 local residents attended the event and many thanks to those who generously baked and donated cakes. There was also a raffle which help boost the donations.



In all £300 was raised by the event. Our great thanks go to Carol Evans for organising the event and to her assistants, Ann Pearson, Marilyn Bannister and to our BMI Steward Alec for providing and serving the coffee.

BMI Charity Fund for 2017-2018

After our final fund raising event on Saturday 21 May, it has been confirmed that the total raised during the year is £2,000. Cheques have now been issued and sent to the Air Ambulance and Maggie's, each for £1000.



Once again members of the BMI have supported the events, quiz nights, raffles and the Friday night bonus ball so a big thank you to each one. Also we must thank the Monday morning Coffee Club for also holding two raffles during the year and donating the proceeds to our two charities.



Once we have agreed the causes for 2018-2019, we will publish them in the July issue of the USL Life.

Paula Quinn



The recreation ground buzzes with activity on Thursday afternoons - it is All Stars Cricket day! Forty boys and girls aged 5 to 8 have signed up for afternoons of fun based around cricket. The England Cricket Board (ECB) has kitted them all out with blue T-shirts and caps, and a blue backpack containing a bat and ball. There are banners adding to the colourful occasion. Parents stay to watch.

Five USL cricket club members actually run the activities, and have been trained by the ECB specially for the event - huge thanks to those volunteers. The idea, of course, is both to get the youngsters to take part in physical activity and to get them interested in playing and watching cricket. All Stars continues through June.

What's been happening in Upton?

Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School Year 2 Choir

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We travelled in the sunshine to Cheltenham filled with anticipation and excitement to take part in the Infant choir section of The Performing Arts Festival.

Cheltenham Town Hall was packed as ten choirs took part and friends and families supporting us had to watch from upstairs in the gallery. The adjudicator talked about how well all the choirs had done and then talked about a choir that had taken her on a magical journey and announced us the winners!!



We are extremely proud of all of our brilliant Year 2 singers. A special thank you to Mrs Cordall for organising this event and to Mrs Thomas who accompanied the choir so beautifully on the day and in the practices. We will perform to the whole school in worship at the end of the week.

What's coming up in Upton

The UpStagers

Present their latest production

"Agatha Crusty & the Village Hall Murders

(A Comedy Murder Mystery by Derek Webb)

July 12, 13, 14

at

Upton Village Hall

Doors open 7-00pm Performance starts 7-30pm

Tickets £8-00 Concessions £7-00

Refreshments available



"Agatha Crusty (pronounced Croosty) is a crime novelist. She is also pretty adept at solving crimes."

After being invited to spend a few days with her Sister-in-law, Alice, she gets caught up in the series of murders directed at the Committee members of the All Saints Village Hall.

From Toby, the Vicar and Eleanor, Chair of the Committee, to Harry the Caretaker and identical twins Olivia and Oliver Trustcott-Pratt, there are plenty of suspects and with an incompetent investigating officer in DI Twigg, there are plenty of laughs as the murders pile up."

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What's coming up in Upton

Open Gardens - Edge



Sunday, 10 June

12 Noon - 5pm

Six gardens to view. 1½ mile walk through the footpaths and lanes of Edge.

£6 per head. Children under 16 free.

Price includes directions and a map.

Shuttle transport available.

Cream teas, coffee, soft drinks and cake at the Village Hall and Edge Church.

Tickets from Malcolm Hollingsworth or Carol Hargroves or on the day.

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT AT THE BMI

SATURDAY 7 JULY 2018
DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF
"IAN OLIVER"
8.00-LATE



UPTON ST LEONARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENT

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Friday 6 July

SEE POSTER ON PAGE 20

Tickets are on sale now at £9 per ticket

This event is open to the public but tickets are selling fast!!

Don't miss out, get your ticket from the office!



BMI SUMMER QUIZ
For BMI members and signed in guests

Saturday 23 June 2018 @ 8.00p.m.

£1.25 per person for teams of up to 6

(MINIMUM £5 for teams of up to 4)

All profit on the night to be donated to the BMI charity for 2018-2019

(Charity to be confirmed in due course)

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE BOOKING SHEET BY THURSDAY 21 JUNE TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT COPIES OF QUIZ SHEETS AVAILABLE TOGETHER WITH TABLES ON THE NIGHT

What's coming up in Upton



VILLAGE DAY SCHEDULE SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018

11.30-12pm Stall Holders to set up stalls
12pm Bondend Road CLOSED
12.30pm stall holders to start setting up

Extend road closure to The Stanley
1pm Gladiator Marching Band to assemble
and proceed with school children to Village Green

1pm Last registration of Dogs for Dog Show
Alter road closure to Perry Orchard
1.30pm Endless Entertainment for Children starts
1.30pm the rest of the entertainment begins
3.30pm Dog Show ends and prizes awarded
3.45-4pm Prizes awarded for best Superhero's
4pm Raffle
4.30pm Bondend Rd reopens and end of day.

7.30pm Dancing in the Village Hall
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You will be very welcome at all of our services

Priest in charge: Rev. Clodagh Ingram

Curate: Clodagh is available to be contacted Sundays through to Wednesday
Rev. James Turk

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

Church Calendar for June

Sun 3	8.00 am	Holy Communion service
	10.00 am	Celebration Service
Mon 4	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 5	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 6	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 10	10.00 am	Communion Service
Mon 11	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 12	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 13	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 17	10.00 am	Communion Service
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Mon 18	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 19	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 20	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Sun 24	10.00 am	Communion Service
Mon 25	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tues 26	9.30 -9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50-12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 27	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer

Fundraiser for Church repairs

Barn Dance

At

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7.00 pm Saturday 14 July

Barn dance with live music for dance
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7.00 pm -9.00 pm Hetty Pegler's Tump.

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With band member Rev. James Turk

Bar, BBQ and Hog Roast

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(Accompanied children under 16 FREE)

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St. Leonard's Church & Upton Primary School



*Rev'd Clodagh's Report presented at
the APCM on 22 April 2018*



Almost, but not quite a year as Priest in Charge at St Leonard's and there is so much to give thanks and praise God for, beginning with the scripture that has encouraged me throughout this past year: 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.' Isaiah 43:19

Some of the many things to be thankful for:

- The committed Tuesday Morning Prayer group.
- The arrival of our Curate James Turk and his family.
- The unexpectedness and joyfulness of a full church for our August Songs of Praise.
- The sense of rightness about our St Leonard's Day Service, when we said sorry for past hurts, thanked God for his faithfulness and prayed for the future mission and ministry of St Leonard's.
- The business of the Christmas season when 100's of people young and old visited St Leonard's and we were able to share the Good News of the gift of the life giving love of Jesus Christ for each and every person.
- The deeply moving 'Remembering Loved Ones' service in January with candle light overcoming the gloom.
- The solemnity of Ash Wednesday and the journey towards Holy Week and Easter.
- The work alongside Mark Close (PiC) at Hucclecote to build relationships in Coopers Edge and the opportunity to prepare for a mission weekend in September when we will be joined by Bishop Rachel.
- Paying our Parish Share to the diocese in full for the first time in a number of years. (£27,000)

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St. Leonard's Church News

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- The commitment of volunteers and people of goodwill who work to help keep the Church building intact and those who care for the churchyard, alongside those who help ensure that our finances are in order, Andy Russell and Zoe Gibbs and Charlie Burnett as he develops a bell ringing team at St Leonards.
- The faithful 'Open the Book' Team, led by Mike Stratford, who go into Upton School most weeks, during the school year, to share the bible stories we know and love with the children.
- The hardworking women who beautify the church through cleaning it week in and week out; alongside those who create beautiful flower arrangements.
- Our stalwart Church Wardens Keith Robbins and Rachel Hall who don't appear to be fazed by anything and our PCC secretary Roy Roberts and the PCC members who have worked so well together, supporting me and the church community.
- The warmth and sincerity of the welcome visitors and strangers receive when they attend our Sunday Worship.

So nearly a year of journeying with the PCC and the community of faith alongside my curate colleague James and the wider community, through baptisms, weddings and funerals, visits to Upton St Leonards and Coopers Edge primary schools and all of it gathered into our Sunday worship and Morning and Evening prayer (Monday evening, Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening) and the bi monthly P@CE (Prayer @ Coopers Edge) meetings. A year of many blessings out of which has emerged a number of hopes and priorities for the future:

- To nurture our church community to continue to grow in faith and to be outward facing and welcoming to the wider community.
- To ensure that the church building is fit for purpose.
- To revitalise the Church Room as a building for mission.
- Build relationships in Coopers Edge.

We have parishioners in Coopers Edge, a community that will eventually comprise of 1,900 homes of which at least a quarter will be within our parish boundaries. There is a Bishop's Mission Order which exists between the parishes of Upton St Leonards, Hucclecote and Brockworth which provides flexibility about how we might minister to this new and growing community. We need to continue to explore how we can join with what God is already doing there.

We are also facing some serious challenges:

- Prioritising mission and ministry above buildings.
- Paying our parish share this coming year. (£31,253) minus the £2000 the diocese agreed we could set aside for mission work.
- Finding the funding to have the major work carried out on the repairs needed on the Church roof and drainage so that we can have a damp free building.
- Establishing how we might renovate the Church Room.

I feel confident in saying that the church community at St Leonards has begun to flourish once again and that with prayer and attentiveness to where God is at work in the parish and beyond we can help continue to build God's Kingdom in this place.

Thank you for the warmth of the welcome Dan and I received when we arrived last year and for the ongoing support and encouragement I have received from so many people

Clodagh

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 8 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.

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Rev James Turk writes

My final 1st year reports are in and they have been read and discussed. I have had my interview with the bishop. And Now I can finally announce that On Saturday 30 June at 3pm I will be ordained Priest, along with my fellow 1st year curates, by Bishop Rachel Treweek, at Gloucester Cathedral. The service is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have never been to an ordination service in Gloucester Cathedral before it is quite a spectacle. The service lasts about an hour and a half, and it's an opportunity to see and hear your Cathedral at its very best. I hope some of you reading this will be able to come along.



James



Village Day 16 June

Flower Festival

Superhero's themed Flower Festival

And

Village History Exhibition

in the Church



The Church will be open on Saturday afternoon from 2.00 pm and Sunday 17 June from 3.00 pm followed by Celebration Service at 6.00 pm to give thanks for our shared Village life.

Tea, Coffee and Cakes after the Service

All are Welcome



The Parishioners of the village may be pleased to learn that during January, February and March a total of 1056 adults and 359 children attended the Parish Church for services, Weddings, Christenings and Funerals for which our part-time Priest in Charge Revd Clodagh Ingram was responsible assisted by Curate Revd James Turk.

It is good to know the Church plays an important part in the lives of village folk, the school and the wider community, Thank you all

Trevor Hall

Rogation Sunday by Ginny Ring

I have to be perfectly honest in saying that I had no idea what the meaning of "Rogation Sunday" was! All I knew was that the Congregation, and anyone else, was invited to partake in different walks around the village.

As many of you may know, I have terminal cancer, and knew that for the less able, a walk around the Churchyard, having a rest on a bench along the way, was probably all I was going to manage. I am a little unsteady on my feet and rely on my stick, to walk anywhere really.

So I took my cakes to Church, for tea and cakes after the walk, arriving just before three o'clock and a good crowd had gathered, including one dog!

Clodagh explained the different walks that we could go on

1. Sheila, leading one to Prinknash Abbey.....stopping at the cafe for an ice cream, was most important
2. Mike leading one up to Nuthill, to the very top, to see the beautiful view. I wish that I could have gone on that one, as my Grandpa and Granny watched from the Air Raid Shelter throughout the Second World War, the shelter is still there
3. Alan leading one through the gate into the field at lower High Street, and a walk across the fields, behind High Street, and to come out in Watery Lane.

Well, everyone was shocked that I decided, in that moment, to go with Alan and be brave and determined to try my best to get round. I told everyone not to worry about me, to go at their own pace, and that I would follow on behind, knowing I could certainly find my way back to Church. Oh how glad I was that I had made this decision and the good Lord gave me the strength and the willpower to carry on.

Alan certainly knows "his Upton", like the back of his hand, he was so informative, and obviously works very hard with the Uscan Team to ensure that the Community can still go walking through the roads and fields, knowing that areas are safe, fencing erected and hand rails put in place for safety, where needed. The great difficulty I had was, walking in the fields, behind homes and farms, and trying to work out exactly where we were. I would like to say a big "thank you", to Alan, for lifting my legs (poor Alan) over a couple of stiles and his great concern for me, the whole way round!

Of course, we were blessed with beautiful weather, but the friendship on our walk was something I will never forget, chatting away to people that previously I had only known to say "hello" to and hearing about their lives. It made me feel less alone.

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St. Leonard's Church News

Website: www.uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

Christian Aid

We normally donate 50% of all proceeds from our Tuesday coffee mornings to Christian Aid and the remainder to our Church maintenance fund, but we were caught out in May this year because we had not catered for Christian Aid week from the 13th May. We therefore donated a further £50.00 making our total contribution this year to £158.00 and we will pay back the church maintenance fund from future coffee mornings.



Tower Floodlighting

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 for more details.

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



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

Enquiries via Rev Ingram or Keith Robbins
pccsecretary@uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

Church Treasurer

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Baptism & Wedding Enquiries:

Church Administrator - Jenny Cunningham

Deanery Synod Representative

Dorothy Cox

Bell Tower Captain:

Charlie Burnett

Mother's Union

Rachel Hall

Church Cleaning Rota

Claire Appleyard

Church Flowers

Jenny Cunningham

.....Contd. from page 11.

When we got to a certain spot we stopped and Alan read out some lovely prayers which we had responses too. We thanked God for our wonderful Community; for the people who work hard in it in so many ways and in different forms. I actually found it very emotional. I did take some pictures of us all, including the dog, who happened to be with us but I have no idea, (not being technical) how they could be included with this!

So back to Church, I made it yeah! It was quite strange really but all three groups, arrived back almost at the same time. The ladies on the Churchyard walk were obviously there to greet us, also Clodagh, Rachel and Trevor, ready and waiting to serve us delicious cakes and a much needed drink.

Then James, our Curate, spontaneously led us into songs of praise, playing the keyboard, by ear! What a talent! I did not know the Hymns but, I sang loudly, encouraged by James' enthusiasm.

To conclude our celebrations, Clodagh offered up a prayer and we left, full of joy, and filled with a real sense of Community.

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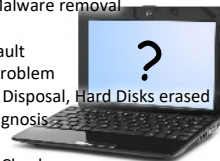
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FAMILY WELLBEING

There are some changes coming down the line in health and social care called Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Plan or STP for short but also called "One Gloucestershire."

Those involved are:

- NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Gloucestershire NHS Care Services Trust
- 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- Gloucestershire County Council

Plans are afoot to join up the budgets of our health and social care services in Gloucestershire. The emphasis will be on Prevention and Care - joining up your care holistically to suit your needs with one professional acting as a lead in service provision.

Your Circle in an information service from the council (www.yourcircle.org.uk for those of us with computers) which will take a Clinical programmes approach and assessment will lead to a care plan of what will help us lead active fulfilling lives.

One Place - One Budget - One System for Gloucestershire residents will enable developing GP Clusters to respond to the communities they serve.

There are plans for first contact Physiotherapy which will be based in GP surgeries. This will mean you see the physio first instead of your GP. The receptionist will advise you which clinician is best suited to assess your needs; physio, nurse or GP. There is a 60 page document to outline the roadmap of how it will be rolled out over 5 Years – see www.gloucestershire.ccg.nhs.uk/gloucestershire-stp

There is lots of information on the website and you can sign up for updates. Some examples are; paperless

records for all health and social care records accessible by clinical and care staff. Others include patients holding their own care plans and medical notes as pregnant ladies have done for years. Currently we may have to pay to get a copy of our own vaccination history when we wish to travel. When we hold our own records we will be better placed to plan and make decisions about our health and well being. If we were advised of the true cost of our care, we might be more respectful and not miss appointments.

Greater use of IT will lead to significant financial savings. One very useful App for your phone or tablet is called 'NHS Advice ASAP' (Glos). This is where Glos NHS gives us information on how to find the best care in the right place at the right time. I was amazed by the amount of information on the app, as I hadn't heard of it previously.

Formal consultations will be taking place so you can get involved at your surgery. A new hospital is in the pipeline for the Forest of Dean and consultation is out on where it will be built.

Transport is a huge issue for rural communities. Those on reduced incomes such as retired people or job seekers have their obstacles when accessing health care services which are some distance away. Voluntary services often fill the gap. Non urgent patient transport is provided by Arriva but it may not see the needs of patients in certain groups such as those living with dementia or the very frail or elderly who may need to go straight to a clinic and home again without having to wait for transport to collect them.

Our NHS has a great reputation for delivering wonderful responsive care in an emergency or acute illness and for that we are all very grateful. Improvements in all areas of service is good to pursue and hopefully the money will be found to pay our hard working NHS staff for all they do, under extreme pressure at times.

Millie Barnes

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Battle of Upton - Chapter Three (The Conclusion)

By Teresa Clarke



The knights took off their armour.

The horses were put to



pasture.

And the villagers waited.



20th Century Lords debated and considered the protests.

The verdict was announced. Upton St Leonards was not to become a part of the City of Gloucester.



The villagers gathered to celebrate.

A bonfire was lit which illuminated their success and on to it a copy of the Boundary Commission's report was thrown.

After the battle was won the village community spirit continued through the formation of a group called USCAN (Upton's Community Action Network). The name suggested by Elaine Samuel-Gibbon. Its first Chairman was Ron Seex.

The following details were supplied by Mike Blanch and Catherine McLean.

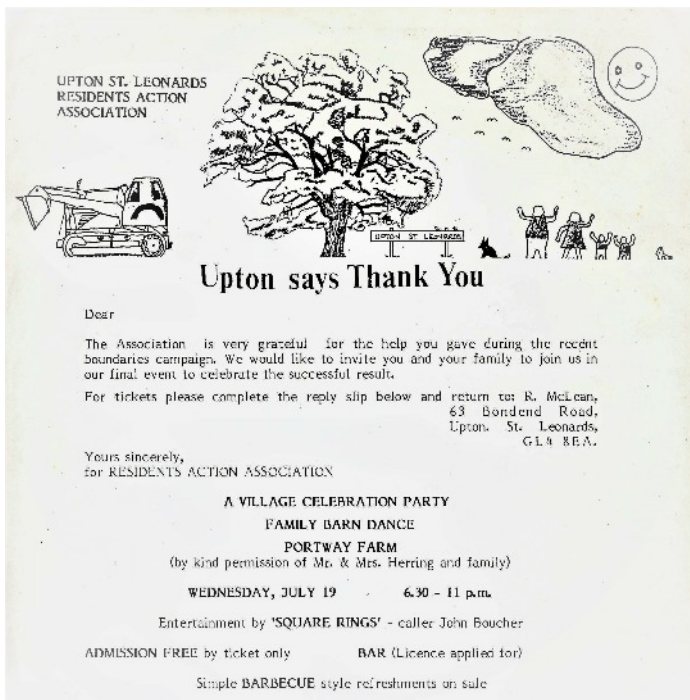
Originally USCAN had three sub-committees:

Battle of Upton - Chapter Three (Cont'd)

The Environmental Committee, originally lead by Audrey McEvoy then by Eileen Jenkins. Among its activities are the gardens around the Village Hall and shops and the creation of a nature reserve in Dirty Lane, where wild flowers were planted and bird boxes put up. It undertook improvements to the Cud Hill area and was responsible for creating the village sign.

The Footpath and Mapping Group was created to maintain the forty two miles of public rights of way. It also published a booklet of local walks (*still available at the shop*). Originally led by Don Webb followed by Mike Blanch, Andrew Samuel-Gibbon then Andrew Russell.

The Policy Group originally reviewed all planning applications to ensure that the character of the village was not dramatically altered.



Letters of thanks were sent to all involved.

During my research many people came forward with interesting memories. Alan Parker asked Lord Tyler if he could find any reference in the House of Lords archives regarding any correspondence. Charlie Coleman, Senior Library Clerk at the House of Lords carried out a search, but replied that he could not locate any judgment on this issue.

However, he did point out that the Gloucestershire Archives holds two items which may provide further information on the subject.

For those of you who may wish to delve deeper:

1. Alt Ref No D6120/1/1 refers to a box containing correspondence, plans, reports and photographs
2. Alt Ref No JR7.419S. Both are held at Gloucester Archives.

At some point in the future I intend to visit the Archive to see what the magical box holds. In the meantime if you get there before me I would be very interested to know about anything that you discover. Perhaps another chapter of this story?

I cannot close this article without thanking several people:

John and Jennifer Watts, Colin Freshney, Rachel Ball, Dave Chave,

Elaine Samuel-Gibbon, Alan Parker, Mike Blanch, Mike Stratford, Catherine McLean, Lord Tyler, Charlie Coleman and the Citizen Newspaper.

Abbeydale Gardening Club

MINI SHOW SCHEDULE 2018

- 1 Flowering Pot Plant max dia of pot 8"
- 2 Foliage Pot Plant max dia of pot 8"
- 3 Single Stem Rose
- 4 Multi Headed Rose
- 5 5 Fuchsia Heads pinned on a board
- 6 5 Different Flower Stems in water
- 7 3 Hosta Leaves - any variety - in container
- 8 Tied Bunch of fresh herbs - not in water
- 9 10 Raspberries with calyx on a plate
- 10 One plate of other soft fruit
- 11 3 Courgettes
- 12 3 Potatoes
- 13 3 Onions
- 14 3 Carrots
- 15 3 Parsnips
- 16 6 Runner Beans

- 17 5 Cherry Tomatoes
- 18 3 Tomatoes
- 19 3 Rhubarb Sticks
- 20 Club Entry - Rob Champions Geranium

In each class of fruit/veg the variety must be the same

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Judged by the Members

Colour Theme : GREEN

WATER

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HANDICRAFTS - Judged by Members

ie embroidery - knitting - painting - drawing -
woodwork - metal work

ANYTHING YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF and not entered before !



UPTON ST LEONARDS ANNUAL SHOW

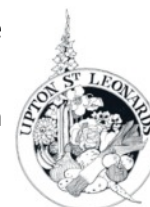
SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2018

2.00 – 4.30 pm UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

Don't forget that Upton Show (formerly Flower Show) will be held on 8th September 2-4.30pm at the Village Hall. There's plenty of time to get your fruit, flowers and veg growing in tip top order. Those of you with a creative mind might like to enter the craft sections-photography, knitting and sewing and limerick competition for example.

Also, there is a large Children's section and it is always so lovely to see their exhibits. What else is there to do during the summer holidays?

As always, look at the website <http://uptonstleonardsshow.com/> Schedules will be available from late June.



Football - promotion!

You don't often get league tables as tight as this with four teams each finishing on 50 points vying for the second promotion spot. This is how it finished in the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division 2, and as you can see, Upton St Leonards pipped the other three on goal difference . . . only just!

Congratulations to the team and their management team of John Jennings, Mike Jennings and Rod Gardner. This is a great achievement, getting promotions in two successive seasons taking USLAFc yet higher - they were already as high as they had ever been in the club's history.

Div 2 Final League Table 2017-18

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Welland	30	22	4	4	44	70
2	Upton St Leonards	30	15	5	10	26	50
3	Whaddon United	30	15	5	10	25	50
4	Whitecroft	30	15	5	10	19	50
5	English Bicknor	30	15	5	10	7	50
6	Woolaston	30	14	4	12	9	46
7	Lydney Town Reserves	30	14	4	12	4	46
8	Smiths Athletic	30	12	8	10	8	44

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

VILLAGE DIARY

JUNE

4	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
4	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
4	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
4	Mon	Fitness (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.00p.m.
4	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	5.30p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
5	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with brown bins		
5	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
5	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
5	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00p.m.
5	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
5	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....	5.30p.m.
5	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
6	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
6	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
6	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
6	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
7	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
7	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
7	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
10	Sun	Copy Date for July issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
11	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
11	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
11	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.
11	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.00p.m.
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
12	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
12	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
12	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00pm
12	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
12	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....	5.30p.m.
12	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
13	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
13	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
13	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
13	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
13	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
14	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
14	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
14	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
16	Sat	Village Day.....	Village Hall.....	1.00-4.00p.m.
18	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
18	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
18	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
18	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.00p.m.
18	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
18	Mon	Lady Downe Charity.....	School.....	7.30p.m.
19	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with brown bins		
19	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
19	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
19	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00p.m.
19	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
19	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....	5.30p.m.
19	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
20	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
20	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
20	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
20	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
20	Wed	USL Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
21	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
21	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
21	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
23	Sat	Summer Quiz Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
25	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
25	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
25	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
25	Mon	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	6.30p.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.

26	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
26	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
26	Tue	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	11.00-12.00p.m.
26	Tue	Junior Jujitsu.....	Pavilion.....	4.00-5.00p.m.
26	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
27	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
27	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
27	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
27	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
28	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
28	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
28	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
28	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

JULY

2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
7	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Tue	Copy date for August issue of USL Life		
14	Sat	Barn Dance.....	Portway Farm.....	7.00p.m.
16	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
19	Thu	History Group - AGM followed by picture quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
23	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
23	Mon	Lady Downe Charity.....	School.....	7.30p.m.
26	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

AUGUST

6	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.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.....	2.30-4.30pm

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary



SPRING SHOW 2018

On behalf of the Salvation Army (Mittens), the Sailors' Society (Neck Warmers) and Teckel's Animal Shelter (Shoebboxes filled with delicious delights!) we would like to thank everyone for their generosity by entering or donating to the above at the Spring Show. A terrific response and most encouraging for the future of the show.

Val Doll (Show Committee)

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Diamonds by Kate Bingham (born 1971)

Let's not have an argument this year
about my birthday. You know what I want
because you always ask and always spoil
it by then not giving me diamonds,
choosing some less extravagant present
to symbolise the extent of your love –

orchids that die, a hat I'll only love
while it's in fashion, useful shoes. Each year
I try my best to want the very best present
you wanted to give when really I want
you to want to give me diamonds
which stay in style and never spoil.

Where I come from it's traditional to spoil
the birthday girl, indulge her like a loved
child whether you disapprove of diamonds
dug up and traded year after year
to finance wars only despots could want
instead of food for those they represent

or not. But you seem to resent present
giving. Maybe my expectation spoils
spontaneity and makes you want
not to give anything, believing love
should be its own reward. Maybe the year
I manage not to mention diamonds,

even in jest, I'll get them: diamonds
you've waited a decade to present,
mine all along but for the asking, years
of petulance now threatening to spoil
the moment I accept your token of love,
its leather box leaving me nothing to want.

Or maybe you're right: I don't know what I want
and only out of spite say diamonds,
wanting the argument, a measure of love
superior to any birthday present.
But let's not have an argument and spoil
this celebration of my thirtieth year,

my birthday. Next year for sure I'll want
you to spoil me, please, with diamonds
but for the present I'll make do with love.

Quotation from 'To Daineme' by Robert Herrick (1591 – 1674)

Whenas that ruby which you wear
Sunk from the tip of your soft ear
Will last to be a precious stone
When all your world of beauty's gone.

Quotation from A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare (1564 – 1616)

I must go seek some dewdrops here
And hang a pearl in every cowslip ear.

Perhaps we do not need jewels – friendship is so much more
precious.

"Of all the things that wisdom provides to help one live one's
entire life in happiness, the greatest by far is the possession
of friendship" Epicurus 341 – 270 BC.

Book Review: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho published 1988 ISBN 0-7225-3293-8

This is the story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy
who dreams of travelling the world in search of a treasure
as extravagant as any ever found. From his home in Spain
he journeys to the exotic markets of Tangiers and then
into the Egyptian desert, where he encounters an
alchemist. Santiago learns to read omens strewn along
his path and to listen to his heart. This fable encourages
the reader to follow his/her dreams. Many claim that
reading The Alchemist has changed their lives – 30 million
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