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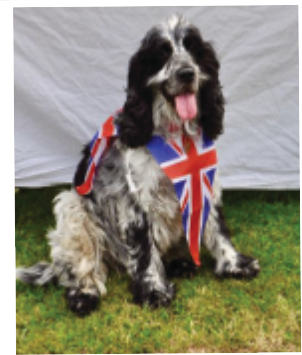
June 2020



Street parties around Upton as residents find new ways of celebrating V E Day



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Editorial



Footpaths - Time to applaud others

In my report last month I mentioned the work of the USCAN footpaths team. But it isn't only them keeping paths open and in good condition. Many of our landowners and farmers make improvements for walkers. Time to applaud their efforts:

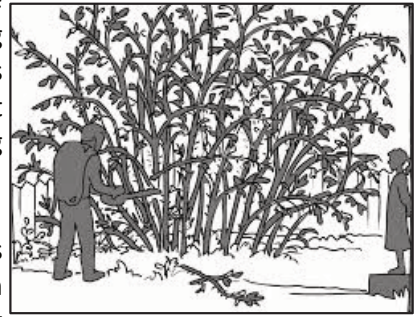
Martin Gammon at Stockley Hill keeps the path below his house clear and has recently demolished a tangle of brambles that always threatened to block the path.

John Dalglish has done a lot of work in the last few weeks on his field below Hatton Court, making it much easier to walk through. Last year Mr Daly completely rebuilt the stile in his field at Brimps Lane, making it much easier to get over.

The people at Springbanks stables have replaced some stiles with three vertical posts, easy for humans to negotiate, impassible for horses.

In the last few months, the people at Portway Farm have replaced the fence bordering the path near

Coopers Edge School, clearing away brambles and tangles that were impeding the path.



A couple of years ago Martin Franklin at

Rooksmoor cut back a hedge (and keeps it cut) on the track to Valley Lane – this means the sun can get at it and we no longer have the impassable mud we used to have there.

Thanks to these and other landowners and tenants for helping to make our footpaths easy to use. By the time you read this, I hope the foot bridge between Rooksmoor and Whitley Court will be repaired by the USCAN team. The main supporting timbers had almost rotted through and the bridge was dangerous.

Andy Russell

USL Support

HELPLINE No: 07930 821108

Whilst there is some easing of the lockdown strategy and we are able to enjoy a little more freedom, the Helpline will continue to operate for as long as is necessary. Requests for help will still be met on a daily basis, thanks to the 'army' of volunteers. One very appreciative resident, and editor of this publication sends her own thanks on page 13.

These Upton Businesses continue to do food deliveries to your home. **We do urge vulnerable people and the over 70s to make use of this rather than visiting the shops.** You can pay for your goods by phone, and it means fewer people actually in the premises.

THE VILLAGE SHOP - Call 618189

PORTWAY FARM SHOP - Call 613255

THE CAKERY - Call 07570 765578

Further advice on Keeping Safe and Staying in Touch can be found on page 7 and an Update on Health Related Matters on page 17.

This letter was just too late to be featured in the May issue of USL Life, so is included here. Thank you so much Sue for your kind comments; it is appreciated by all of us here at USL Life.

Thank you for the latest edition of USL Life, which arrived through my letter box yesterday (27th) afternoon.

I am amazed that, in these rapidly changing times dealing with the Covid-19 outbreak, you have produced such an up-to-date version of the magazine. Most of the developments covered in it

occurred after your usual shut-off date. That's very impressive. Thank you!

Congratulations to the whole team, including HMP Leyhill, for all your hard work. Much appreciated by this old and decrepit (according to the government, though my words and not theirs, and not really valid, in my view!) resident of USL. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes
Sue Lyon

Remain Alert !

Last month we alerted you to a recent scam concerning an email using the Virgin Media logo. It stated that the service would be suspended unless you contacted them immediately.

Unfortunately another such scam has come to light regarding TV Licensing.



Using a very similar logo and exactly the same colours that the genuine TV Licensing website uses, the clues are to look in the small print and the source of the email.

What's been happening in Upton?

Twyver Ladies Choir (TLC)

With determination to keep the choir going, members of TLC have been holding their weekly meetings using Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom yet, it is free to use for up to 40 minutes and it allows you to share your screen on your desktop, tablet or smartphone. It enables users to meet online in place of the usual meetings that we had before the current situation.

During lockdown our local choir TLC were not to be deterred from practising, so those who were able, decided to overcome this by cheerfully embracing technology. Using Zoom we are able to 'get together' at the usual 6pm on Thursdays.



Our musical director Sylvia Ardron schedules the meetings each week and emails us in advance with the chosen songs to practise and away we go on the night! After the start of each meeting Sylvia has the power to mute us all so that we can

hear her playing piano and singing but she can't hear our

singing! As the collective sound is distorted (!!) we sing, only hearing ourselves and Sylvia, and at the end of practice Sylvia 'unmutes' us for a few minutes of enjoyable chatter time.

As the Zoom time is free we've decided to donate the 'subs' that we normally pay to the NHS charities, so there are many benefits all round. Some of us enjoyed online singing so much we've also joined Gareth Malone's Great British Home Chorus - maybe others in the village have chosen similar options to be able to enjoy their hobbies?

Sue Merigold



Chris Simpson of Twyver WI would like to say a heart felt thank you for all the lovely cards and words of sympathy following the passing of her husband. Kind thoughts, advice and concern have been very much appreciated at this difficult time.




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Remembering and Thinking of Others



A big 'Thank You' to everyone for your wonderful photographs, both of VE day and of the Thursday evenings at 8pm, where every week neighbours have come out to

clap and show their appreciation for the NHS and all of those working in challenging circumstances.

Whilst the celebrations were far more modest than the village had planned, a sense of togetherness and neighbourliness still prevailed.

Days Long Ago - by Ted Gardner

With Village history in mind, I thought you might like an article on holidays, seeing as we will be unlikely to take any this year or next, 'till this damn virus is conquered and the world is safe again and we can be human once more'.

In my childhood, we never went away to resorts or anything like. Our holidays were day trips to the seaside by Charabanc (as the grown-ups called the bus). My mum Rose usually organised the trips, to Barry Island, Porthcawl, Weston, and sometimes Bristol Zoo. It was bucket & spade (for the seaside venues), thermos & sandwiches. Sunday best clothes were worn and we had pocket money for ice-cream and sweets. Nearly everyone in the Village came. We met at the Pound or the School yard. If the coach was oversubscribed the youngest sat on a parent's lap, or a washboard and a

Now Mary Green loves me and I loves her too,
We blush when we meet like all true lovers do,
Beside the plantation where green meadows run,
We spoon in the dark and we have lots of fun!

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

My sweetheart said I was too bashful and slow,
But she changed her mind when I let myself go!

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

We walked side by side through the long winding grass,
The wild rhubarb blew sideways to let us get past;
We stood 'neath a tree and the birds up above
Was all busy dropping their tokens of love.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

My girl climbed a gate and said, "turn your head, Joe",
But I'd a stiff neck so we let matters go.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

Now my sweetheart and I stood behind a haystack,
When a bumble bee flew down the small of her back,
I seen what had happened, and in her distress,
I put me hand down round the back of her dress.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

Ted Gardner's poem

In memory of Chris Gardener, Ted's wife, who died a year ago

It's a year now since you left me, the pain doesn't go away,
I cry myself to sleep each night, and miss you more each day.
I remember all the happy times we spent together, you and I,
In our lovely little village, our Upton, beneath blue sky.
A thousand words of comfort will never heal the pain,
'Till we meet once more my darling, in paradise again



cushion was placed to span the gangway.
On reaching the destination, stretching legs
was a necessity!

At the days end we piled back into the bus
and heads were counted. There was always a pub stop
on the way back and after a "comfort" stop became vital
– over the wall, men on one side of the road, women on
the other.

We always had a sing-song on the way home, and would
pass a hat round for a collection for the driver in
appreciation of a good day out.

My grandfather (old Bill Davis) was a very good button
accordion player and it was always a very special time
when he played "**Down in the fields**". We all knew the
chorus line and would sing at the tops of our voices to
make sure no one was able to doze off.

Me hand down her dress when she struck I a blow,
I had no idea that the bee was so low.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

The songsters were greeting the day newly born,
The sheep in the meadow, the cows in the corn;
But when sheep and cows bin around there a bit,
It ain't a nice place for a lady to sit.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

A cow licked my Mary's face, tickled her so,
Her thought it were I and said, "don't slobber, Joe."

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

A ten gallon barrel at the top of a hill,
Came crashing towards us, me heart it stood still,
But Mary stood bravely unflinching and true,
Her legs were so bandy, the barrel went through.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

Our courtship were swift and our honeymoon slow
The bed was too small so we both had to go.

Down in the fields where the buttercups grow.

News from GFWI

The monthly newsletter that we receive as members, has for May/June been sent out electronically as it cannot be printed during lockdown. A big thank you must go to Twyver WI Secretary, Valerie George for keeping us up to speed with all the news from the WI; it is much appreciated.

If you know of anyone who cannot access the pdf version, maybe you could print it out for them? It's only 7 pages minus the front cover.

Below is a letter and a re-worded version of 'Jerusalem' from Janice Cole, our Federation Chairman.

Dear Members

It is a long road but I think the end is less misty, just



keep safe and well in your homes, going out only when you must. Any keyworkers, thank you for the risks you are taking, we are eternally grateful.

You may not be able to take a day trip to a favourite museum, grand house or zoo. Also it can be very frustrating that you can't travel to those exotic places that are on your bucket list. But help is at hand, you can explore their own websites in some cases, like the British Museum, Pyramids of Giza or the Getty Museum in LA. Other websites to visit are Google either Street View or Art & Culture Museum view or even Google Maps. Air Pano and 360-aerial images allow you to fly around and Stonehenge for example can be visited via CGI images. A different experience can be found on ARTE (with English subtitles). I have flown around a canyon in Colorado, toured the Museum of Art in San Paolo and revisited Macchu Pichu on foot so far.

Perhaps you might want to go to the theatre www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows or www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes has performances from RSC. Metropolitan Opera NY also have online performances.

If history is a passion national archives have online lectures and research resources www.nationalarchives.gov.uk and www.digventures.com is a source for more social history. More on these topics can be found on <https://artsandculture.google.com/story> lots to explore related to English heritage, also on www.english-heritage.org.uk/history-at-home or www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/curious-minds

Perhaps you want to learn something creative? Why not try an online Denman course (cookery or craft) or one from selvedge magazine, access via YouTube and

Facebook for information. Merchant and Mills also have tutorials on their website. A member has told me about a Manchester member Abigail Jennings who is doing weekly craft tutorials, Spa Sweethearts Craft, also on YouTube. I look forward to seeing some of the finished items. I have found The Joy of Painting on BBC4 absolutely fascinating for budding artists or a different approach to painting.

There are not enough hours in the day! More online activities are appearing everyday, Chester Zoo and Longleat for instance. Mind for the virtual experience you need look no further than 'Make My Home Perfect' on BBC, I am truly addicted.

I'm afraid that for some of you most of this letter will prove frustrating if you do not have access to computer or smart phone. Perhaps now is the time to make that move, age is no barrier there is lots of help out there to set you up or approach the younger WI members or your family for advice. It does not have to be expensive and you control who has access and what information you divulge. Happy touring, watching and creating.

JERUSALEM – THE LOCKDOWN VERSION

And did our feet, pre-Covid times,
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And were our children out at play
In England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did those rainbows so divine
Shine forth upon our window sills.
For NHS, much needed here,
Amongst towns, villages and hills!
Bring me my soap, to wash my hands.
Bring me my shopping I require.
Bring me my health, and my household.
Bring me the strength that I desire.
We will not cease to fight this blight,
Nor spread this virus by our hand,
Till we have stayed six feet apart,
To free our green and pleasant land!

(with apologies to William Blake)

What's Coming Up in Upton

Abbeydale Garden Club

Whilst it is still unclear as to when we can restart our monthly meetings, we are still planning to hold our MINI SHOW on **MONDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2020**. The schedule is outlined below.

- 1 Flowering Pot Plant max dia pot 8"
- 2 Foliage Pot Plant max dia pot 8"
- 3 Single Stem Rose
- 4 Multi Headed Rose
- 5 5 Fuchsia head 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 6 Raspberries - with calyx - on a plate
- 10 3 Potatoes
- 11 3 Onions
- 12 3 Carrots
- 13 3 Beetroot
- 14 6 Runner Beans
- 15 5 Cherry Tomatoes
- 16 3 Tomatoes
- 17 3 Rhubarb Sticks
- 18 Club Entry - Arrangement in a Teacup & Saucer*



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - Judged by Members

- 1 Reflections
 - 2 Unusual
- Maximum size 7" x 5"**

HANDICRAFTS - Judged by Members

ie. Embroidery-Knitting-Painting-Drawing-Woodwork-Metalwork

ANYTHING MADE BY YOU and not entered previously.

Please wait until hall is set up before bringing in your exhibits.

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

**As we have been unable to provide you with anything to grow this year, there will be a special class, (18.Club Entry) for you to let your creative juices flow - using a teacup and saucer. It can be as wild and whacky as you like!*

Healthy Living Group - Diary Dates

The dates for our monthly meet ups at the Sports Pavilion, for the remainder of the year can now be entered in our diaries.

If we are unable to meet up in person, I have arranged a zoom meet up for June.

- Wed 24th June 7-9pm in the Sports Pavilion
- Wed 22nd July
- Wed 26th Aug
- Wed 23rd Sept
- Wed 7th Oct
- Wed 18th Nov
- Wed 9th Dec.

We will be discussing all things relating to health and especially how the food we eat is directly related to our health and our ability to enhance our immune system to fight viruses and infections.

Millie Barnes

Sunday, 21 June 2020



Staying Safe and Keeping in Touch

Keeping older family members safe during lockdown has been a challenge for some families. I hope that by the time this goes to print that we will be able to meet with our families but just in case we still need to isolate for longer I will share my thoughts.

We often dismiss the idea of older people using IT such as smart phones or iPads as they have never done so in the past. This is far from reality in my experience. IT devices can play an important part in keeping older people safe. Reminding them to take their tablets at a set time is just one example.

Facebook Portal is one such service that is playing a big role for many families. Once set up and with a little patience to learn how it can benefit the frail older person living alone. Families can stay in contact several times a day with a camera to give good engagements on wellbeing. Sensors and cameras around the house (with consent), can reassure families that all is well and motion sensor lighting around the house can reduce falls.



Dementia is a particular challenge when families are not local for regular visits (with social distancing where appropriate). Online shopping from a different town is easy and ensures goods are provided.

open mind is key to finding solutions.

The list is endless for what is out there. Being brave and having an **Millie Barnes**

M5 - J11 to J13 Southbound Resurfacing

Start 18 May 2020 - End 10 June 2020

Highways England are scheduled to carry out essential repairs to the road surface of the M5 J11 to J13 which has deteriorated with age and needs to be replaced.



Please note all road works will be undertaken Monday to Friday overnight between 8pm and 6am the following morning. There will be no works on bank holidays.

Traffic management

The main carriageway resurfacing will be carried out under lane closures. However, we will need to close J12 on the following dates: J12 exit slip - **2 June 2020**

Motorists will be diverted to continue southbound to J13, turn and rejoin the M5 northbound to leave at J12 entry slip on **4 and 5 June 2020**. Motorists will be diverted to the B4008, A38 (Bristol Road) and onto the A419 to join the M5 southbound at J13.

To keep up to date, please also monitor **www.trafficengland.com**. For further information, please contact Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or by email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk

BMI Events

Regrettably the "Summer Quiz" at the BMI on 20th June, and the "Sunday Lunch Jazz" on 19th July have now been cancelled due to the coronavirus. We look forward to the day when events can be resumed.



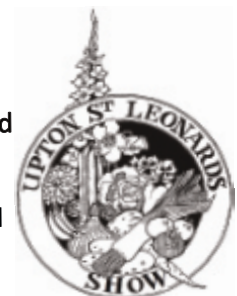
It would have been a busy spring/summer in the village with these events together with the Spring Show and the Village Day, but the most important thing is for everyone to keep safe.



Upton Show

It is with great regret that the Upton Show will not be going ahead in September.

Hopefully, next year some, if not all of these events will take place – bigger and better.



Wordsmith - Linda Munnoch

In 2019, (according to 'Mr Google') there were 171,476 words in current use in the Oxford English Dictionary and the average person uses about 20,000. I enjoy discovering words and means of expression and in these strange times of lockdown and isolation, being given more time to ponder and read, it struck me that, possibly, as a result of access to online media, political hyperbole (ooh that's a good one!) and the tabloids having a field day with our royals and those who have 'stepped away', there is emerging more 'new speak'. Some words in our vocabulary seem to be having a resurgence and a few have intrigued as they are new or re-invented and introduced into modern parlance due

in part to our relationship with the digital world. Thanks to emailing, texting and social media, hashtags, memes, tweets and emojis proliferate and extend our language beyond anything we could have imagined just a few short years ago and I'm in awe of the younger generations who take it in their stride. I admit without shame that I learn much from my grown-up 'kids' and grandchildren for whom this is now a way of life and I'm guessing a lot of you will too. Many words and sayings that have reached us from across the pond and further afield are being assimilated into our 'everyday' too and it's fascinating to see how our language is expanding.

Here are just a few that have resonated:

Solipsism	the view that self is all
(having) Agency	the power we have to think for ourselves
Malfeasance	wrongdoing by a public official
Walk(s)-back	withdraw or back pedal on statement or promise, retract
Egregious	outstandingly bad, shocking
Acuity	intellectual acuity – sharpness keenness of thought and vision
(an) Influencer	person with reputation of expertise on social media
To see through his/her lens	to see something from someone else's perspective
Bifurcate	divide into two parts, branches, or forks
Abrogate	repeal or cancel law, formal agreement, right
Ameliorate	make something bad or unsatisfactory, better
Herd Immunity	resistance to spread of contagion if high number of individuals are immune
Roadmap	a strategic plan that defines a goal
Keyboard Commando	someone who acts tough behind a keyboard online but can't say the same things in real life
Zoom	an internet platform for video conferencing and chat
and my new favourite -	
Click-bait	Internet content - the main purpose of which is to attract attention and encourage visitors to click on a link to a web page (used as currency, apparently – who knew?)



On a sour note, there is one phrase I cannot bring myself to use and that is - 'from the get-go'

I mean, what is that about? Whatever happened to 'the beginning', where did it go?!

But back to the positive - wasn't Boris Johnson's comparison of the Covid virus to a 'mugger' a brilliant analogy?

I leave you with a wonderful tongue twister : Siphonophore (*which is hard enough*) a sea creature made up of thousands of smaller animals that New Zealanders callwait for it

A long stringy stingy thingy – great isn't it!

Do you have any words and phrases that you love (or not) - we'd like hear from you, however you communicate????

And finally, having saved the best 'til last: with thanks to Vera and in the words of HM The Queen, to encourage, nourish and sustainWe'll meet again.

Arts Page

In this unsettled time we would like to offer our readers some thoughts on Solace and Joy in the Natural World. Let us begin with Sir David Attenborough who reminds us that

“In times of crisis the natural world is a source of both joy and solace. The natural world produces the comfort that can come from nothing else, and we are part of that. If we damage the natural world we damage ourselves”.

In 1962 Rachel Carson wrote “Silent Spring”, an environmental science book documenting the adverse effects of indiscriminate use of pesticides. She wrote that “Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night and spring after winter”.

From **Ireland** we offer John O’Donohue and the poem

“This is the time to be slow”.

This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.
If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.

John O’Donohue (1956 – 2008)

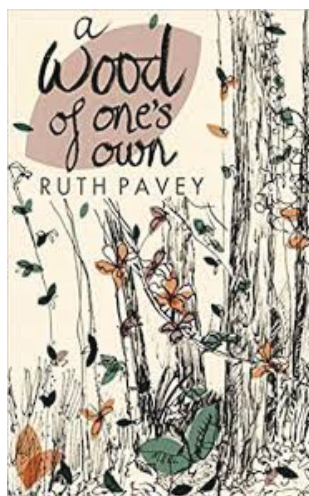
From **Wales** we offer Dylan Thomas and the poem **Fern Hill** which depicts an idyllic childhood on a farm. We quote Verse 3.

All the sun long it was running, it was lovely, the hay
Fields high as the house, the tunes from the chimneys,
it was air
And playing, lovely and watery
And fire green as grass.
And nightly under the simple stars
As I rode to sleep the owls were bearing the farm away,
All the moon long I heard, blessed among stables, the
nightjars
Flying with the ricks, and the horses
Flashing into the dark.

Dylan Thomas (1914 – 1953)

We finish with **Lord Byron (1788 – 1824)** and an excerpt from **Childe Harold’s**

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes,
By the deep Sea, and music in its roar;
I love not Man the less, but Nature more,
From these our interviews, in which I steal
From all I may be, or have been before,
To mingle with the Universe, and feel
What I can ne’er express, yet cannot all conceal.



BOOK REVIEW

We recommend this month **“A Wood of One’s Own”** by Ruth Pavey published in 2019. In it she describes her dream of reconnecting with the countryside after years of living and working in London. She recounts her journey to find the perfect plot of land on which to plant a wood. She finds solace, joy and peace by creating a wood on four acres of land,

one tree at a time, on the Somerset Levels near Langport.

“A Wood of One’s Own” interweaves descriptions of the challenges of her task with local history and stories of the area’s inhabitants. Ruth’s hand-drawn illustrations are a bonus. ISBN 9 780715653678.

FEATURE ARTICLE - Teresa Clarke

And so with my Historical thinking cap on, I wondered about Brass Bands. To be precise, Upton St Leonards' Brass Band. It was about this time that Trevor Hall knocked on my door. He too had been exploring this hitherto lost connection with village life.

Inviting him in, he presented me with a photograph showing seventeen men and boys holding various musical instruments. Tubas, Trumpets, Drums, all were gleaming and displayed with pride.

The exact date of the photograph is unknown but we do know that amongst those pictured are four brothers from the Jordan family.

Research via the internet, a site called Brass Bands History, records that Upton St Leonards' Brass Band was active from the early 1900's to the late 1920's. The Conductor in 1921 was a Mr. M. G. Jordan. Is he the gentleman with the stick on the row behind the boys? He is seated second from the right. Mr M. G. Jordan is also found on a list compiled by the History society of 300 + who volunteered in the second World War.

Trevor has a few memories. One from Mr. Osborne (now deceased) is about the band playing at the Kingsholm Rugby Club and collecting donations in a blanket.

It is known that they practised at Pendine, the house at the end of the High Street.

If anyone is able to identify any of the Band members, it would be lovely to hear from you. Or if you have any photographs or memories that you would like to share, I would love to hear from you.



Upton St Leonards Brass Band 1918 - 1939 (7)

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Curate: Rev James Turk



Rev James Turk writes

40 days and 40 nights.

I am finding that the weeks have all merged into one another recently and this is no doubt due to the slower pace of life during this lockdown period. Until today I really couldn't have told you with any certainty how many weeks we have all been told to 'stay at home', but as I write this article, a quick google search has told me that the UK has just reached 40 days since the PM announced the 'Stay At Home' regulations. This surprised me, not least because I was sure it had been longer than 40 days and nights.

40 days and 40 nights has a certain resonance about it and that number holds a significance for Christians because the bible tells us that when Noah had finished building his Ark, it rained for 40 days. Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness just before he started his ministry in Galilee. 40 days was also the length of time between the resurrection of Jesus and his ascension into heaven.. What is so special about the number 40?

The number 40 shows up often in the Bible. Because 40 appears so often in texts dealing with judgment or testing, many scholars understand it to be the number of "probation" or "trial." This does not mean that 40 is entirely symbolic; it still has a literal meaning in Scripture. "Forty days" means "forty days," but it does seem that God has chosen this number to help emphasize times of trouble and hardship. For example, In ancient Hebrew 40 means: an appropriate amount of time. So, when it rained for 40 days in the story of Noah; a better translation would be: It rained for an appropriate amount of time.

Whether or not the number 40 really has any significance is still debated. The Bible definitely seems to use 40 to emphasise a spiritual truth, but we must point out that the Bible nowhere specifically assigns any special meaning to the number 40.

Some people place too much significance on numerology, trying to find a special meaning behind every number in the Bible. Often, a number in the Bible is simply a number, including the number 40. God does not call us to search for secret meanings, hidden messages, or codes in the Bible. There is more than enough truth in the plain words of Scripture to meet all our needs and make us "complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2:Timothy 3.17)

The whole bible is God's inspired word. Because it is inspired and trustworthy, as Christians we should read it and apply it to our lives. It is our safeguard against false teaching and the truths and promises it contains are our rock in times of hardship and trouble.

During these uncertain days maybe pick up the bible and rediscover its truth for yourself. The bible is not an easy book to read, its message can be confusing and the people and their lives contained within the pages can seem remote and far removed from our own experiences. But, as I myself read the scriptures I am struck with the similarity between those people and me. The search for the answer to the question of 'why' has always seemed to me to be one of the things that is constant throughout human history. The answer to 'why am I here' or 'what is my purpose' begins to be answered in the early books of the bible and is finally answered through the ministry and sayings of Jesus. Find time in your day to read the bible, or if you are not a member of the St Leonards Church WhatsApp group get in touch with me and I will include you. Each day we share a bible passage together and a short reflection on the group page and anyone is welcome to join us. But I encourage you to pick up a bible, and may you find confidence in life and in faith it's message to you during these uncertain times.

James

All are welcome to join the Friends of St Leonard's WhatsApp group. Call James if you would like to join. We are more than happy to help with any technical issues you may have that prevent you from joining or seeing anything that is posted. Please don't hesitate to ask for help.

We are so grateful to Rev Turk for hosting this group daily throughout the lockdown period, enabling us all to stay connected as a church family, sharing bible passages, reflections and "joining together" for worship on a Sunday. Thank you to Kay Hutton for playing the hymns every Sunday too.

Another way of staying connected to St Leonard's is through Pew News, published weekly by email. Please Email Rachel Middleton if you would like to receive this.

St Leonard's Church News

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Tower Floodlighting *June 2020*

In memory of Robert Cannon of Home Farm who would have been 75 on the 1st June, from elder brother and sister-in-law David and Jo Cannon, sister and brother-in-law Diane & David Thomas (Tom) Robert's best friend, sister and brother-in-law Jane and Ken Beck (Canada)

If you would like the tower lights to be lit in remembrance or celebration of an event please contact Jenny Cunningham before 10th of the previous month

Val Moore

It was on Monday May 4th that the funeral of Val Moore took place during these difficult and unprecedented times. Val was a very special lady and dearly loved by her husband Mel, her family and friends. She had been ill for some time so we pray she is now at peace. Of course she leaves a big void having been an amazing and talented flower arranger, a member of stitchers, a regular contributor to the Upton show (and winner), a lady learning to play the clarinet, a member of Upton St. Leonards church as well as the Mother's union, a talented quilt maker, just to name a few. In earlier times she had been a practice nurse and even played netball. She touched so many people's lives and they in turn wanted to pay their respects on Monday May 4th. However no church services were permitted so the best that could happen was to form a guard of honour and clap with love as the hearse left the farm. Unfortunately there were major road works taking place with roads leading to the crematorium closed so the "leave" time was wisely brought forward but it meant some mourners missed the cortege departing but so as not to miss out they made a speedy trip to the crematorium to bid their farewell to Val. The service was led so competently by our curate the Rev. James Turk which many of us watched on the web and Val's daughter-in-law gave a very moving and heartfelt eulogy. God bless Val and we send our love and prayers to Mel and the family.

John Day

In these strange 'Covid' times many friends and neighbours were pleased to have the opportunity of paying our last respects to John Day, dear husband of Hazel.

On the 30th April we gathered along Perry Orchard, Bond End Road and by the Church as the hearse passed by. Several of us were able to join the Service from the Crematorium, via an internet link, this was a moving and loving farewell to John. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hazel and her family

Who's Who at the Parish Church

Priest in Charge

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Rev. James Turk

Churchwardens:

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Vacancy

PCC Secretary:

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Safeguarding

Dorothy Cox

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Kate Gale

Church Cleaning Rota:

Claire Appleyard

Church Flowers:

Jenny Cunningham

Liz Brownhill

Liz died peacefully on 18th April 2020.
Her obituary appears elsewhere in this addition of USL Life.

Liz was a long-term member of the Parish Church being a regular '8 o'clocker'. With her nursing background she was the 'fourth emergency Service' to many of her older friends- always there with a helping hand.

Her funeral took place on 28th April on the first wet day for many weeks. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, a short graveside service was held. The weather seemed to add a poignancy to the occasion, sombre but meaningful.

Rev James Turk had visited Liz on several occasions to share Holy Communion with her. It was befitting that he was able to conduct her funeral service. Thank you, James.

It is intended that a thanksgiving service for her life will be held when restrictions are lifted.

Cheltenham Science Festival - It's all free

Cheltenham Science Festival 2020 will take place as a virtual festival, from Tuesday 2 to Sunday 7 June 2020, Cheltenham Festivals has revealed.



Daily events will run between 10am and 8pm across the week.

Cheltenham Science Festival @ Home will be streamed for free on the Cheltenham Festivals YouTube channel, promising six days of science with a mixture of pre-recorded events, live sessions with speakers and participatory workshops.

This year's festival is curated by AIDA – the world's first artificial intelligence festival curator – and will offer audiences across Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and the world, a chance to interact with her and influence her development, as she takes over the Cheltenham Festivals social media channels and acts as a what's on guide.

Cheltenham Festivals' director of festivals, Ian George, said: "Cheltenham Science Festival @ Home is an unprecedented opportunity for Cheltenham Science Festival to grow into an emerging digital events and festivals space? It presents us with new freedom to experiment with different event formats, as well as to expand our digital and worldwide audiences."

For more information, visit cheltenhamfestivals.com/science.

Notices

Just to say ...



The church gates are kept shut, which seems to be a pity.

However, they aren't locked, so it's still OK to go in to see the churchyard in all its early summer-time glory. The Church Council was asked to shut the gates by the police because a number of boorish cyclists were behaving inappropriately.



"A huge thank you to the Helpline set up to assist those in need at this difficult time. I have been given splendid support after breaking my collarbone in the garden on 23rd April. As an over-70 year old living alone, this support has been invaluable!

Barbara Swindin

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Annual Report 2019/2020

Chairman's Report

As I write this year's report, we are of course all in the lockdown situation because of Covid-19, a new piece of language that we are never likely to forget. We can but hope that it will be beaten sometime soon and we can all return back to some form of normality. We are of course extremely lucky to be living where we do and when, as so many of us are, taking our daily walk, we can see the benefits of the hard work that goes in every year by a very committed group of Parish Councillors, who I thank for all their hard work and efforts over the past year. The village is looking really splendid at the moment in this glorious weather. It seems that I have mentioned the ongoing struggle to reduce motorway noise many times and at a stroke, Coronavirus has achieved it just like that, but at least it shows us what it could be like if we manage to get it reduced as a norm. The Chairs of Committees will comment on their individual areas in more detail. We will not be holding the annual Parish Meeting this year due to the crisis. I would wish you and all your families a safe passage through this rocky voyage and ask that we bear a thought for any of our fellow citizens who are affected by the current crisis.

Finally, I would like to personally thank everybody in this lovely community for all they have done during this terrible time.

Cllr Keith Pearson

Allotments

It has been another good year for the allotment sites in the village. We have a waiting list for plots and this is very pleasing, particularly now we have restrictions in our lives. The two site managers, Holly Paton who manages the Perry Orchard site and Peter Macey who manages the Stanley site, continue to keep both sites looking really good. They do the work quietly and efficiently, often without people realising the effort they have put in. The Parish Council thank them for their continuing efforts in these difficult times, considering these are voluntary positions..

To all tenants, please be aware that due to the present situation there will be a delay in sending the tenancy agreements. These will be sent out as soon as we are able and should you prefer this method of payment, you will be able to pay by BACs. All tenants, thank you for all the hard work you put in and I hope 2020 is a bountiful year. This is reflected in the way the two sites always look so impressive.



Please be extremely careful when attending the allotments. You are able to go and take care of your plots, but please take note of the notices that have been posted at both sites and observe the distancing regulations.

Hopefully we will all be able to get back to closer contact with our families and friends in the not too distant future.

In the meantime STAY SAFE.

Cllr Hilary Morris

Planning

Formal applications for planning in the village this year were 27 and most were applications for extensions/modifications to homes with 5 of these for new builds. There were also 2 applications for change of use.

The applications by Stroud District Council for new homes on their plots in the Woodland Green area were approved and have been put up for sale to any private buyers. Regarding the development at Bowden Hall Farm, reserved matters have been agreed and the foundations for one of the new properties was begun. At this time we have no date as to when full development will commence. The work was carried out so that planning approval and reserved matters would not expire as it is now over 3 years since planning was agreed. We understand that due to the current situation it could be some time before work on the full site begins.

The parish are conscious at the number of requests to build in the surrounding areas of the village and are determined to try and preserve the AONB surrounding the village. We think in the current crisis it has been more than apparent how vital the AONB is for both leisure and agricultural use.

The SDC Local Plan Review and the Final draft plan looking at the future planning strategy for adoption 21/22 is still ongoing and is due to be forwarded to government during 2020. The PC is strongly supportive of retaining a tightly drawn settlement boundary and restricting further development to occasional infill within the defined settlement. For residents interested in following the process and wishing to find out more visit: www.stroud.gov.uk/localplanreview.

As a reminder, any alterations or change of use of a current building both residential and agricultural require planning applications. There has been an instance in the village where a planning application was agreed and when completed the building was put to a very different use.

The vast majority of dog owners are very responsible and do exactly as the notices around the village ask of them.

However, some owners are not so mindful. Incidents of dog excrement have been noted on the allotments and as always, can be unpleasant for the unwary.

Planning cont'd from page 14

Planning meetings are held on the first Monday of each month prior to the Parish Council Meetings and the public are always welcome. For more information on planning applications you can register on the planning portal website and you will automatically be updated with any new applications.

Cllr Chrissie Castle

Environment

We continue to live in a lovely village and its condition and facilities are achieved through a combination of effort from various people.

The normal activities of the Parish Council regarding village maintenance have continued, arranged by our Parish Clerk. In 2019/20 these included: -

- Our regular grass cutting for areas not covered by Stroud District Council (SDC)
- Weekly litter picks
- Supporting the activities of the USCAN Footpath Team
- Liaising with Highways for things like Pothole repairs, Signage, Road Markings etc
- Using our Dog Warden to deal with the small number of dog owners who allow their animals to foul paths etc
- Refurbishing of the Memorial Bench and Plaques (work in progress)
- Arranging with SDC for the removal of fly tipping material where reported to the Clerk
- Replacing the Xmas Tree on the Village Green
- Providing a grant to the Church to help with their grounds

Under the banner of Village Improvements (most of which came directly from village residents), the council has also: -

- Installed 2 benches (made of recycled plastic) at the Pavilion for people who wish to either watch things like cricket matches or just have a rest after walking around the perimeter.
- Arranged for a second defibrillator to be sited at the Pavilion
- Erected white "gateways" at each end of the village as a welcome and to encourage vehicles to stay within our speed limit

We have also planned to install Play Equipment for pre-school children which had been requested as part of an earlier public consultation exercise. The effort during the year was looking at how to fund this facility and has been possible due to money we receive associated with a future housing development at Bowden Hall Farm together with a generous grant received from the Lady Downe Trust for which we are very grateful. Once the current lockdown is lifted, the equipment will be installed by our chosen supplier.

I would like to welcome Alex Foster who has been recently been appointed as our new Parish Tree Warden and wish him well in his efforts on behalf of Upton.

In summary, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has made a contribution during the year, including Andy Russell and his Footpath Team members, the Parish Clerk (who organises much of what is mentioned in this report) and my Parish Council colleagues who support the improvements we try and make each year.

Cllr Peter Wilson

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Recreation

Despite difficult weather conditions during the winter, the Recreation Ground was generally in very good shape and we were confidently looking forward to a good conclusion to the disrupted football season and the start of cricket 2020. Unfortunately it was not to be! As we now know, the pandemic has caused the lockdown of all social gatherings, including the playing of organised sport and games. Nevertheless, the Parish Council has been able to ensure that basic ground maintenance is continuing, so that when the time for restart arrives, the facilities will be in good shape. Whilst this may be small consolation for those actively engaged in organised sporting activity, it is hopefully comforting to know that Upton Rec. will be ready for an early restart, once the bans are lifted.

Although the football season has ended prematurely I would like to thank the club for all their help with pitch maintenance during the year and particularly with the upgrade to goal posts and nets which they have introduced during this shortened season.

A sad feature of the lockdown has been the requirement to close down all play equipment, including the adult 'play' (exercising!) equipment so recently installed and starting to be well used. Furthermore the promised new infants play equipment which would have been in place by now, is currently on hold awaiting the restart. Something to look forward to.

Whilst organised games are not currently possible, a reminder that the Glebe and Recreation Field are still available for that short daily exercise, so long as those 2m personal distances are respected. I am pleased to report that compliance with the strict user restrictions has been generally good so far and on behalf of the Council, I would

like to thank those still using the Rec. for that daily walk, for indirectly enabling the Council to keep the facility open. An unexpected bonus for Rec. walkers, at this difficult time, has been the state of tranquillity experienced on site due to the massive reduction in motorway traffic. I would remind parishioners that the Council continues to press for long term permanent reductions in M5 noise and air pollution, in the hope that the environmental improvements, currently experienced, might one day become the norm.

Striking a positive note, during the year, a gradual programme of improvements at the Pavilion has been undertaken. This has included new curtains, chairs and tables in the Pavilion Room with new flooring to be installed shortly. Outside lighting is also now upgraded with a sustainable lighting system in place and a resurfacing of the car park currently under consideration. Again, a hearty thank you to Site Manager, Andy Russell who organises these improvements.

Finally, our thanks must also go to all the volunteers that help maintain the facilities at the Rec, including 'gate man' Richard Stephenson, USCAN and all those Club members who lend a hand. We could not manage without your help.

Cllr David Hunt

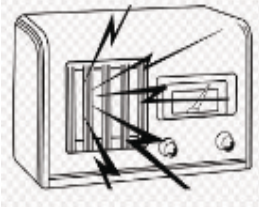
Parish Clerk

At the time of writing this I am working from home and trying to maintain business as normal. I will respond to emails usclerk@btinternet.com and telephone calls during normal office hours – 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday either on 01452 621688 or 07977560114. The end of year accounts will be published on the website in September 2020. Stay Safe...

Roy Balgobin, Clerk

Polite request - Thank You

In the recent sunny weather and because of the lockdown, many of us have been spending more time in our gardens. This is a pleasurable way of spending time but occasionally this harmless occupation can be spoiled by others thoughtlessness.



This may come in the form of radios being played too loudly or the excessive use of mechanical garden tools or by lighting a bonfire at unsociable times of day. If you are 'conscious' of doing any of these things, please spare a thought for your neighbours, who might just want to enjoy some good old fashioned 'peace and quiet'.

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Obituaries - John William Day



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John Day. A resident of Perry Orchard for 40 years, John had graciously borne a long illness and had recently moved to Woodstock Nursing Home, where he died peacefully on 10th April, aged 88.

Born in Herefordshire, John later moved to Oxford and attended Southfield Grammar school where he undertook his secondary education. He then completed two years National Service in the RAF and was stationed in the Far East, where he played rugby for the RAF squad.

On his return to Oxford, John joined the Southern Electricity Board to train as an Electrical Engineer. It was during this time that he met Hazel, who was training to be a Home Economist, also with the Southern Electricity Board. John continued to play rugby and hockey before moving to Worcester. Marriage and two sons, Paul and Michael followed.

A final move, in 1980 brought the family to Upton St Leonards, where they have resided in Perry Orchard for 40 years.

A man of many interests, John also played Badminton and golf and was Seniors Captain at Gloucester Golf Club. John enjoyed the outdoor life and holidays were often spent camping and caravanning with family and friends. He was passionate about walking, especially in the Lake District, using Wainwright as his guide. Apart from sport, John also enjoyed the fellowship of Round Table and 41 Club. He was a committed fundraiser in both clubs and for C.L.I.C. In his later years John enjoyed Gardening Club, Probus and Coffee Club. In August, 2019 John and Hazel celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a garden party at home, with all the family.

His wife, Hazel and her family would like to thank neighbours and friends who have supported them during these recent difficult weeks. They are especially grateful to everyone who lined the streets in the rain as John made his final journey through the village; a touching tribute which helped to make a very sad day a little easier to bear.

Once circumstances allow, a memorial service is planned so that John's family and friends can gather together and celebrate his long and happy life; a beloved husband of 60 years, a much loved brother, father, father-in-law and grandad.

Update on Health Related Issues

Gloucestershire Hospitals Trust has a service to help families and friends support their loved ones in hospital, while visiting is suspended. The Patient Advisory Liaison Service (PALS) enables families to send letters, photos and messages by email which will then be printed off and delivered to the patient on their ward. All wards in hospitals have access to iPads, so if you are unable to visit you can still have contact with your relative. Staff are happy to support this with the consent of the patient.

Please contact the Patient Support Service Hub who can arrange this. Assisted phone calls may be possible for older patients who are more frail due to illness. If you wish to email photographs, letters or messages to your family member, please email them to: ghn-tr.helpinesupport@nhs.net. They will be printed and

taken to your relative. Dropping off belongings for your loved ones, such as clean clothes, toiletries, or phone chargers is also possible.

Locations and timings: Cheltenham General Hospital, Pillars entrance, Monday to Sunday, 11am to 1pm. Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, outside the Chapel in the Tower Block, weekdays, 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm, and weekends 11am to 1pm.

Please ensure the patient's name, date of birth and their ward are clearly marked on the bag and only leave belongings with a volunteer and never leave any bags unattended. For more information on any of the above, please contact our Patient Support Service Hub on 0800 019 3282 or email them: ghn-tr.helpinesupport@nhs.net. It's open 7.30am to 10pm on weekdays and 7.30am to 7pm on weekends and bank holidays.

Millie Barnes

Obituaries **Grace Elizabeth Brownhill – 29th July 1920 – 18th April 2020**

Liz, as we all knew her, was born in Bromborough Port, Cheshire, an only child. When she was 7 years old the family moved to Sunbury-on-Thames where she completed her secondary school education. At 16 she attended a business secretarial college studying diligently to complete the 2-year course in just one year. Another family move took her to the Midlands, working as a shorthand typist.

In 1941 the war was raging, and Liz decided to have a complete career change... 'My mum wanted me to become a school teacher but I was having none of that!'... and she enrolled for nursing training at Birmingham General Hospital, where she remained for three years. Having then completed her general training, in November 1944, Liz started further training to become a Queens Nurse ie a District Nurse.

Gloucestershire first beckoned in 1945 where she fulfilled various posts as a District Nurse, Midwife and Health Visitor. She would have been a familiar sight around Gloucester, peddling her bike in all weathers. In 1947, she met her lifelong friend Iris Lewis-Thomas, a French teacher, who went on to become Headmistress of Colwell Grammar School.

By 1954 Liz had decided she wanted to 'see something' of the world and broaden her nursing experience at the same time, and so in December 1954 she set off for Perlis, one of the then colonial Malayan States where she cared for patients of all ages as a general nurse, often in their villages, being accompanied by an interpreter. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience and and for sixty years maintained contact with two of the Muslim families she met there. In January 1956, she

returned to Gloucestershire where the Health Authority had kept her job open for her, and worked for another two years to 'repay' the Far East Secondment, before leaving for a spell in Yeovil in Somerset as a Health Visitor.

In 1960 Liz returned to Gloucester as the Assistant County Nursing Superintendent for Gloucestershire County Council, later being promoted to County Nursing Superintendent, and then to Divisional Nursing Officer. Upon one Area Health Authority restructure she was given the unassuming title of District Nursing Officer, but it brought with it a staff of 1200!

Liz, with Iris, moved to Upton in 1976, over the years becoming part of the fixtures and fittings of the village they loved. Iris retired in 1979, and Liz in 1980. They then travelled extensively throughout the UK and Europe, many of these miles being covered in Liz's Morris Minor. A committed Christian, for many years, Liz was a Sidesman) at St Leonards Church, helping organise Readings and the Bible Study Group. She was a Trustee of the Lady Downe Charity and supported many others.



A life lived to the full in the service of others.

Liz, seen here celebrating her 95th birthday at the BMI.

In recent days we have learned of the passing of another Upton resident

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of John Patrick Warner, on 14th May. John was aged 83 and a long-time resident of Upton. He is survived by his wife Sandra, to whom he had been married for 56 years.

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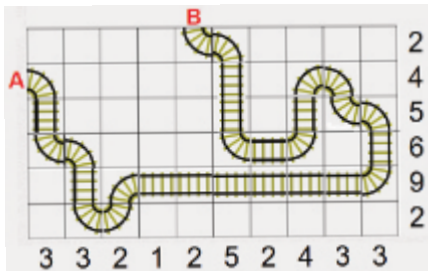
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- 23 Tue Recycling and Food Waste Week
- 24 Wed Healthy Living Group. Sports Pavilion. 7 - 9pm
- 30 Tue Rubbish and Food Waste Week. Garden Waste for those with brown bins

Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary



Solution to last months Train Tracks puzzle

Answers to May Quiz using UP or TON

- 1 - sTONE, 2 - sUPporter, 3 - coUPle, 4 - EverTON, 5 - cUP, 6 - butTON, 7 - soUP,
- 8 - ketchUP, 9 - bankrUPt, 10 - groUP, 11 - sUPremes, 12 - TONe, 13 - coUP,
- 14 - bilTONg, 15 - glutTON, 16 - canTON, 17 - KaTONa, 18 - NewTON, 19 - stoUP,
- 20 - UPdike.

ANSWER THESE CLUES BELOW BY SELECTING THE LETTERS FROM THE WORDS 'CHERRY BLOSSOM'

1	SHUT	7	FIRST STAGE OF A BABY
2	HE'S IN PICADILLY	8	CHEERFUL
3	HEATH	9	ELK
4	BLACKTHORN FRUIT	10	CODE
5	SAINTLY	11	TRAMP
6	LEGEND	12	BROWN YELLOW COLOUR

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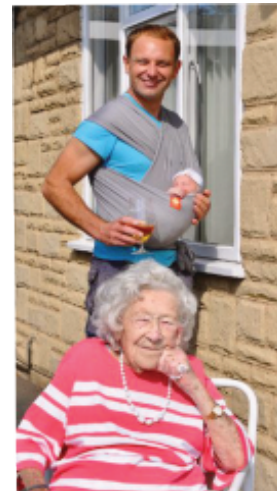
Pictured below are Perry Orchard's oldest and youngest residents

Birth Announcement



Kimberley and Matt are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Bella Florence on 17th April at 12:16; weight 6lb 6oz.

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