

# *Upton St Leonards Life*

## *incorporating Church News*

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The 20<sup>th</sup> March is the .....



*Make a date to visit your Village Spring Show on Saturday 14 March*

*You will see a small part of what's on offer on Page 6 but if you can, pop along and support Upton's 42<sup>nd</sup> Spring Show and all the people who work so hard each year to pull it together.*

*More information is available at the Post Office.*

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# March Events

## Mothers' Day - 15 March

Mothers' Day was first celebrated in modern day America. After losing her mother, a lady called Ann Jarvis started a campaign in 1905 to honour "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". Her campaign grew until in 1914 America made Mother's Day a national holiday.

Over time this idea spread and it is now celebrated on various days in many parts of the world.



## First Day of Spring - 20 March

Also known as the "Vernal Equinox", the word Equinox derives from the Latin meaning Equal Night. All over the world, days and nights are approximately equal.

As this season begins, the length of daylight increases.

*"For Winter's rains and ruin are over,  
And all the season of snows and sins;  
The days dividing lover and lover,  
The light that loses, the night that wins;  
And time remembered is grief forgotten,  
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,  
And in green underwood and cover  
Blossom by blossom the Spring begins."  
Algernon Charles Swinburne (1837-1909)*

## Daylight Saving Time ( DST ) - 29 March



In Britain, a bill proposing DST was introduced to the House of Commons in 1908 but failed to become law due to significant opposition - especially from farmers.

Although Germany were first to adopt DST in 1916, many countries quickly followed (including Britain). The rationale was to minimise the use of artificial light to save

fuel for the War effort during World War 1.

Many countries reverted back to Standard Time after the war but it was introduced again at the outbreak of World War 2.

**Don't forget: clocks go forward 1 hour on Sunday 29 March at 01.00am**

Spring is around the corner and lambs can already be seen in the fields.

Mike Long's triplets are recent arrivals.

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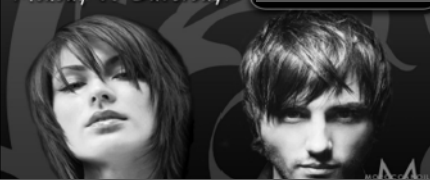
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# Upton St Leonards People - Graham Hayes

Graham and Marie Hayes met in Worcester Street in 1964 and celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this March. The groom was three-quarters of an hour late at St Peter's in Gloucester when ( ... look away now if squeamish ... ) best man Tony Meers chopped his fingers off in a chaffing machine. Graham sent the fingers to hospital in his Austin A30, but had to dash there too when he realised that the best man's suit was on the back seat. All was well when friend Ernie Blandford kindly agreed to act in Tony's place.



The first thing you notice at the Hayes' residence is an immaculately manicured lawn. A central putting hole reveals this as the home of an active golfing fan. Graham managed the USL football team and played cricket, snooker and badminton here. He's served the village as a Parish Councillor for over 30 years. Although accepting the necessity of some development, he worries that the village could be dwarfed by urbanisation, if it should ever transfer from Stroud District Council to Gloucester City Council.

Graham was a carpenter and joiner's apprentice at Priestly Exhibitions and eventually travelled countrywide to build events at Earls Court, Olympia, Boat and Motor Shows for example. Before retirement, he ran Hayes Builders and his work can still be seen in the front door and bars at Bowden Hall Hotel.

Wife Marie moved from Ireland to escape harsh treatment at Nazareth House Convent in the 1960s. In contrast, Graham's extended family has lived here for around 160 years. This posed a challenge for a young Philip who, to his parents' amusement, once complained - 'can't do nothing in this village without you knowing about it!' The couple's eldest son Shaun and wife Jacqui run the Two Harbours Guest House on the Outer Hebridean island of Scalpay and youngest son Philip has always worked and lived in USL and surrounds. Grandson Thomas is a talented artist.

Family roots extend deeply as Great Grandpa William Davies moved here from Tirley in the 1800s. He owned the Smithy at Pound Corner and lived in Yew Tree Cottage, formerly a pub as did Grandpa and Grandma Davies and Graham's mother May, Aunts Rose and Violet and Uncle William. Grandma, from Filkins, was in service in 'the big houses'. Graham's father was a 'dolly holder' for Gloucestershire Aircraft Company before promotion to engineer, then worked at Dowty Royal. Graham, sisters Kathleen and Nora and extended family grew up in USL.

Graham reflects that his family has attended the village school for over 100 years and Phillip was the last to do so before its decommissioning. USL village bobby Ken Wakefield kept strict rule in this former hamlet without street lights. Before mains sewerage, on Sundays you had to 'bury the bucket'. A prized event was firing the anvil on the rec. Uncle Bill Gardner plugged the hole with gunpowder and the resultant explosion rang around the village. Children could roam within the sound of USL church bells, which could be heard from Painswick Beacon, Fiddler's Elbow and Nut Hill before the M5 roar. With little traffic to hamper their games, they enjoyed roller-skating on Painswick Road, or setting up roller-hockey goals by the King's Head. Things we didn't know about Graham - he enjoys hobby furniture making and macramé.

We wish you a happy 50th Anniversary Graham and Marie - may the family dynasty live happily for many more decades, within the sound of USL church bells.

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# What's Happening in March!

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## Jumble Sale

**Saturday 7th March**

11am-1pm

Upton St Leonards Village Hall

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or find some great Easter gifts on our table top stalls  
Teas and Coffees being served.

**If you have any jumble to donate please contact Jane**

## Charity Bike and Car Wash - Saturday 28 March

Local funeral directors, Selim Smith & Co of Painswick Road, Gloucester, are hosting a charity bike and car wash in aid of the Gloucester Blood Bikes. The bike and car wash will take place at the funeral home on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Robert Edwards, Funeral Director, and Dan Sinclair, Funeral Service Arranger, will both be washing vehicles for a donation of £2.50 and tea, coffee and cakes will also be available on the day for a small donation. The Gloucester Freewheelers will also be in attendance with their show tent and bikes for visitors to look at. Robert said: "I have decided to organise this event to raise awareness of the fantastic work the Gloucester Blood Bikes do. I have close connections with local motorcycle groups and have organised similar events in the past. The last event raised £450, bringing the total raised last year to over £2,000 through bike based events."

The Gloucester Blood Bikes is a volunteer service providing an out of hours medical courier service to hospitals and other health institutions within their area. This service is offered free of charge to the NHS and all members are unpaid volunteers.

Throughout the day there will also be the opportunity to write memorial tags and fasten them to Memorial Balloons for a small donation of £1. The balloons will be released later on in the day with the special messages attached. "I am hoping that this event will show Gloucester the giving side of their local biking community. Anyone is welcome to attend and we hope to make the bike and car wash and Memorial Balloon release an annual event," added Robert.

Selim Smith & Co have been arranging and conducting funerals for many years and have funeral homes in Gloucester and Cheltenham. They provide a 24-hour service and are part of Dignity, a British company that has funeral directors in towns and cities all across the UK.



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## Rent - a - Crowd 2015



Saturday, 21st March 2015

Venue: Village Hall 8 - 12

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### "Upton St Leonards Village Life and its Communities"

Get together a table of fun-loving friends.

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### Prizes for the best fancy dress (Individuals and Group)

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Join a Litter Pick on Saturday 7 March.

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## UPTON ST LEONARDS 42<sup>ND</sup> SPRING SHOW & RENT-A-CRAFT STALL SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 VILLAGE HALL from 2-4pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If any of you would like to donate a cake for the afternoon teas  
this would be very much appreciated.

*These are just a few Sections in the show. Why not enter?*

### SECTION C – HOME PRODUCE, COOKERY

- Class 10 LEMON VICTORIA SANDWICH - to given recipe found on entry form  
11 SCONES – 6 scones, any mixture, using your recipe  
12 SAVOURY or SWEET FAMILY FAVOURITE – 6 small portions, using your recipe  
13 'BUSY DAY' FRUIT CAKE - to given recipe found on entry form  
14 ANY BAKE TO INCLUDE APPLES – using your recipe  
15 MEN ONLY – PORTER CAKE – to given recipe found on entry form

### SECTION D – PRESERVES, PICKLES

- Class 16 One jar of MARMALADE  
17 One jar of LEMON CURD  
18 One jar of JELLY  
19 One jar of JAM – ANY FLAVOUR  
20 One jar of CHUTNEY

### CHILDRENS SECTION

#### AGE 7 YEARS & UNDER

- Class 46 MAKE A PLATE GARDEN - use a paper plate and any media  
47 DRAW A RUGBY BALL - by hand A4 size  
48 CREATE A 'LEGO' ANIMAL.

#### AGE 8 - 16 YEARS

- Class 49 MAKE A POSY - any media  
50 DRAW A SPORTS PERSONALITY - by hand A4 size.

#### ANY AGE GROUP

- Class 51 SOMETHING I HAVE MADE - any media  
52 JAM TARTLETS – (6 tartlets), - to given recipe found on entry form

### SECTION F – PHOTOGRAPHY – Max size of photograph 12"x8" (30x20cms)

*Photographs should not have been exhibited in any previous show and MUST BE EXHIBITOR'S OWN WORK. Photographs may be reproduced digitally or conventionally.*

- Class 30 'THE EYES HAVE IT'  
Class 31 'WORLD CUP FEVER.'  
Class 32 'FUN IN THE SUN'  
Class 33 'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - 100 YEARS ON'  
Class 34 'FOOD & DRINK'  
Class 35 'A CLOSE UP OF ANY SUBJECT' *BLACK & WHITE PRINTS ONLY for this class.*  
Class 53 CHILDREN'S - UP TO AGE 16 YEARS - 'PANORAMA TAKEN ON A MOBILE PHONE'

**Schedules & Entry/recipe forms will be available from the Local Post Office or  
from MARILYN BANNISTER**

## What's happening later in 2015?

**112 DAYS AND COUNTING TO  
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# What's happening later in 2015? - Cont'd

## Upton St Leonards 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show

To be held at the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 2.00 to 4.30p.m.

### SECTION "B" - FLOWERS – OPEN

Prize for best exhibit in Section "B" - £7.50 (see Award 17)

**NOTE:** In all classes except Class 55 and 57 blooms may be either mixed colours or one distinct **Class**

- 50. 5 stems of Cosmos
- 51. 5 stems of Zinnia
- 52. Vase of Asters, 5 blooms
- 53. Roses, 3 blooms with foliage attached, 3 distinct varieties
- 54. Floribunda Roses, 3 stems
- 55. Roses, 3 blooms with foliage attached, 1 variety only
- 56. Rose, one single bloom to be judged on fragrance only
- 57. Roses - one vase of one variety, one bloom at each of 3 stages, bud, exhibition, and blown. Bud to be in colour.

- 58. Three different sprays of shrubs in a suitable container
- 59. Dahlia, 3 collerette
- 60. Dahlia, 5 miniature cactus/semi cactus
- 61. Dahlia, 5 small cactus or semi cactus – any variety or varieties
- 62. Dahlia, 5 small decorative – any variety or varieties
- 63. Dahlia, 5 miniature decorative
- 64. Dahlia, 5 miniature – any variety or varieties
- 65. Dahlia, 3 ball – any variety or varieties
- 66. Dahlia, 5 pompon – any variety or varieties
- 67. Dahlia, 3 water lily – any variety or varieties
- 68. Chrysanthemums, 3 sprays
- 69. Gladioli, 3 spikes
- 70. Gladioli, 1 spike
- 71. Bowl or vase of garden flowers - maximum space 24" x 24" (610mm x 610mm).

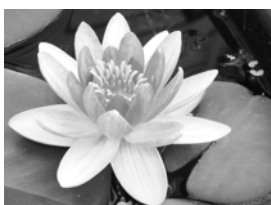
Prize money: £5, £2.50, £1 (See Award 16)

- 50. A succulent, other than cacti (6"/150mm max pot size)
- 51. A cactus (6"/150mm max pot size)
- 52. One pot plant in flower (NOT orchid or fuchsia, 6"/150mm max pot size)
- 53. One pot plant for foliage – pot size up to 8"/200mm
- 54. One pot fuchsia (internal diameter of pot not to exceed 8"/200mm)
- 55. One pot African Violet (internal diameter of pot not to exceed 4"/100mm)
- 56. One pot Marguerite 6" (internal diameter of pot not to exceed 6"/150mm)
- 57. One pot pelargonium, 6"/150mm pot
- 58. A planted container, max. diameter 12"/300mm
- 59. One specimen orchid (internal diameter of pot not to exceed 8"/200mm)
- 60. Vase of hydrangea heads, 3 stems
- 61. Fern frond
- 62. Hosta leaves – any variety – 5 in one container

**Novice Classes** (a novice has never won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for flowers in any show)

- 50. Rose – one single bloom
- 51. Dahlia – 1 bloom of any kind
- 52. One pot plant, any variety (6"/150mm max pot size)
- 53. Gladioli – one spike

**NOTE: POT PLANTS – THESE MUST HAVE BEEN IN OWNERSHIP FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS.**



# Local Business Focus

Hello I am Tania Walters and I own the Estate Agent business located between the Post Office and Clothes Press in Upton St Leonards.

Not long after leaving school, I was offered 3 months of work experience in an estate agents' and found I really loved it. Starting as a junior, I progressed into more senior positions and have spent 30 years in the industry – doesn't time fly !!



About 5 years ago I decided to work for myself and started my own Estate Agency business in Gloucester. Two years ago I established a second office in Upton St Leonards.

I feel connected to Upton as I have lived here for 21 years and have many friends in the village. I have raised two children here, both going to USL school and my daughter was the first child to use Chipmunk Nursery. Having an office base in Upton therefore feels really good and is the nearest thing to working from home !

As a local business person I have in the past supported the local Junior Football Team and am one of the current sponsors for the Annual Flower Show.

I believe that through running a small agency I am able to offer a more personal service to my clients, providing regular communication on progress and offering very flexible hours to suit their needs. As an example, my telephone lines are open until 9pm every evening including weekends. This flexibility also extends to fees where costs are tailored to each person and are very competitive when compared to the industry average. My fees start at 1.25% for a sole agency arrangement and I do not tie anyone into long contracts.

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# CHURCH NEWS

for the Parish Church, Upton St Leonards

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, we will have embarked on Lent and begun to appreciate the signs that Spring is in the air as we anticipate increasing daylight, warming temperatures and the blossoming of new life. It is a time to take stock in our lives and review some of our habits.

The PCC has recently received the long awaited Quinquennial Inspection report from our church surveyor; and we now need to plan how to proceed with the repairs and raise the necessary funding for the prescribed work for our church building and churchyard.

As you can appreciate this is a mammoth task which requires wisdom, skill and much needed funds so we would value your prayers as we absorb this information and work out our plan of action.

Although the folk of Upton St Leonards have worshipped here for hundreds of years in the beautiful medieval building that requires so much tender loving care, we must remember that church is not a building at all, but is all about the people.

Fellowship, worship and ministry are all conducted by people, not buildings. As a local body of believers we are part of the universal church; the body of Christ of which He is the head.

As a village community we treasure our local church building and must work together in caring for it wisely, We can all contribute in various forms of support, including the offer of professional advice, financial giving, practical work. I would like to suggest the formation of a steering group for this project and ask for your support.

However, we as believers have a priority to love and serve our Lord and Saviour and continue to grow in discipleship as we apply the "body" principles that St Paul speaks of in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12: encouraging, teaching, and building one another up in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We need to set our minds on things above and not on earthly things and let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which indeed we were called in one body, and be thankful, allowing the message of Christ to richly dwell among us as we support one another.

I pray that God's Springtime brings you a truly transformative and life giving Lent. So let us journey together in pilgrimage through this Lent and be ready to celebrate Easter; that most important festival in the Christian calendar, when we remember and give thanks for the Resurrection when God raised Jesus from the dead.

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## *Upton St Leonards Church QI Report Summary of recommendations*

With immediate attention we are urgently required to:

Clear debris from tower gutter

Remove carpeting from damp floor surfaces

Re-fix slipped or missing slates

Carry out temporary repairs to defective eaves & valley gutters, downpipes

During the next twelve months, works to be carried out include

Overhauling the rainwater disposal system and renewing underground drainage & soak-aways

Re-roof slate coverings to north porch & north slope of north aisle

Replace and re-design linings to south aisle valley/parapet gutters. Replace lead flashings

Repair defective abutment flashings & flaunchings, especially nave roof abutment to tower

Continue programme of grounds clearance & sapling removal, especially to tombs.

However our church roof is in a very bad state and works recommended to be carried out during the next five years include:

Re-roof slate coverings to South slope of chancel, North and South slopes of north chapel, North slope of South chapel

Repair and repoint cover flashings to tower roof

Repair and consolidate tracery windows to south aisle, and adjacent stonework

Clean and protect iron bracing bars to pinnacles.

**The Church of England Sunday School Trust** has also received a report on the state of the Sunday School Room which had become so dilapidated that it was rendered unsuitable for public use. The Trustees will now consider the following report and decide on the best way to proceed:

The overall condition for the purposes of providing a simple meeting room facility for the short term (1 or 2 years) :

The building is in fairly poor condition resulting from a lack of maintenance and repair; however the building appears structurally stable. The interior is in poor decorative order and the services are likely to require remedial work to bring them up to current standards.

The roof requires further minor maintenance to render it fully weatherproof – sealing of the laps to the flat roof covering and new flash-band to the pitched roof.

The fibre cement roof is likely to contain asbestos and no attempt should be made to disturb its surface. The junction between flat and pitched roof requires improvement to prevent water ingress.

Guttering and downpipes require overhaul to reinstate efficient rainwater discharge.

Consideration should be given to providing some form of simple soak-away to serve

the downpipes. The cladding to the timber meeting room requires an appropriate protective coating.

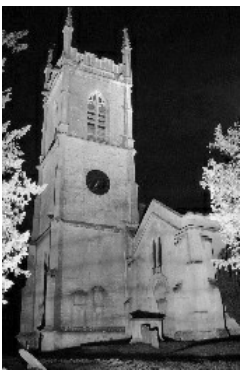
The interior is in a poor decorative state and services - electrics, water & heating - will require upgrading to meet current safety standards.

The concrete floor at the far end of the hall requires repair and re-covering.

It would be prudent to screen off the kitchen area from the hall unless it is planned to refurbish it, however access through the kitchen for the purposes of means of escape should be maintained.

Insulating of the walls and ceiling of the meeting room was discussed.

Consideration should be given to using composite insulating plasterboard.



## ***Upton St Leonards Parish Church Tower Flood Lighting***

*Sponsorship Details - March 2015*

The Tower lights are kindly being sponsored by Angela Lewis on Friday 20th March in loving memory of her late husband, Ken, who passed away this day 9 years ago and also on Sunday 29th March in memory of what would have been his 81st birthday.

If you or your family wish to have the lights sponsored in celebration of a birthday or anniversary or for a loved one's life or any other reason then please contact Matthew.

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 any donation this will help us too.

If you would like to sponsor the Church Tower Flood Lights then please contact Matthew Gibbs for more details.

**Please note that the deadline of the Church News is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.**

**The Messenger, March 2015**

**Lent, by the Revd Canon Robbin Clark, Dean of Women Clergy**

When many of us think of Lent (if we indeed do), we often think of giving up a treat like chocolate or alcohol or cigarettes or some other thing we enjoy but don't really think is good for us. It may feel like a harsh burden or even an impossible effort. It may come as a surprise that the actual word "lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" and refers to the lengthening of daylight during these weeks of the year.

So Lent is meant to be a "springtime of the soul", not a punishment. It's a chance for some interior personal spring cleaning- a time to clear away the cobwebs and spruce our souls up for Easter.

The Church recognises that Advent and Christmas call for serious periods of preparation. Advent focuses on attentiveness and anticipation. Lent is more penitential. We face the ways we have failed to live up to the example set by Jesus and what this says about our gratitude to him for giving his life to save us and bring us back into harmony with God.

Three traditional spiritual disciplines are associated with Lent:

- Fasting for the good of our body;
- Almsgiving for the good of our neighbour; and
- Prayer for the good of our soul.

I commend these to you, but I also suggest the more positive practice of "taking on" rather than "giving up" something for Lent, perhaps volunteer work or special spiritual/scriptural study or a retreat.

However you observe it, I wish you a holy Lent and one that will deepen the joy of Easter for you.

Spring cleaning for the soul!

**Washday** is a national campaign, created by the Diocese of Oxford, about taking part in practical social action during Lent and Holy Week.

**Washday** is an opportunity to go out and wash anything and everything! It could be cleaning windows for people who would find that difficult, washing a car, washing clothes for homeless people, or washing up mugs in an office.

**Washday** is a new take on Maundy Thursday. Traditionally, church people have washed people's feet – or more recently offered free shoe-shining on the streets – on Maundy Thursday, as a way of telling the story of the Last Supper. You can do your washing on Maundy Thursday itself, during Holy Week, or at some other point during Lent if that is easier.

**Washday** is a great opportunity to tell the Easter story in a fun and creative way, but it's not a one day wonder. Loving your neighbour is one way of loving God. And that's something that lasts all year. Use your imagination and think how you could make a real difference in your community.

Taking part is easy and fun for all ages. Why not:

- Wash some windows for people who would find that difficult
- Clean cars
- Offer to wash clothes for people who are homeless
- Volunteer to wash up mugs in an office or shop
- Wash some road signs
- Organise a litter pick
- Do someone's washing up
- Help out at a night shelter

..... do anything that would serve your community and make your world a better place.

Post your pictures and videos using the hashtag **#washday15** to inspire others.

**For events around the diocese and the latest diocesan news, @glosdioc [www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org)  
[www.facebook.com/Diocese.of.Gloucester](http://www.facebook.com/Diocese.of.Gloucester)**

## March Diary

<b>SUN 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT St David's Day</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	All Age Service (non Communion )
6.00pm	Evening Service at Christchurch, Abbeydale Richard Atkins, BBC Gloucestershire The servant girl who questions Peter (Mark 14:66-70)
MON 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am - Morning Prayers in the Rectory
TUE 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm - Lent Group- venue to be decided
FRI 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am - Womens' World Day of Prayer- Christchurch, Abbeydale. Everyone welcome.
<b>SUN 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
10.00am	Communion4All
6.00pm	Evening Service at St Oswalds, Coney Hill Bishop Martyn The centurion who confesses faith in Jesus (Mark 15:39)
MON 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Morning Prayers in the Rectory
TUE 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm - Lent Group at the Rectory
<b>SUN 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>
10.00am	Communion4All
6.00pm	Evening Service Upton St Leonards Church Archdeacon Jackie Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:15-26)
MON 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Morning Prayers in the Rectory
TUE 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm - Lent Group at the Rectory (St Patrick's Day)
<b>SUN 22<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
10.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
1.30am	Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6.00pm	Evening Service at St Lawrence, Barnwood Lesley Hewish, Chaplain, HMP Eastwood Park The women disciples at the crucifixion (Mark 15:40-41).
MON 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am - Morning Prayers in the Rectory
TUE 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm - Lent Group at the Rectory
<b>SUN 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
10.00am	All Age Communion – Rev'd Dr Sandra Millar
MON 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Morning Prayers in the Rectory

## Who's Who at the Parish Church

### Priest in Charge:

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rev.christine@uptonstleonardschurch.co.uk

### Churchwardens:

1 Keith Robbins  
2 Vacancy

### PCC Secretary:

Ceri Darley-Jones

### Church Treasurer:

Vacancy

### Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

### Bell Tower Captain:

Roger Fry

### Mothers Union:

Rachel Hall

### Church Cleaning Rota:

Claire Appleyard

### Church Flower Rota:

Evelyn Rumsey

### Electoral Roll Officer:

Naomi Stanley-Gunn

### Fundraising Committee & Church News Rep:

Chris Mitchell

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** (interdenominational) will be celebrated internationally on Friday 6 March. The local service is to take place at Christchurch, Abbeydale at 10.30am followed by coffee and biscuits. This year the service has been written by women of The Bahamas and we will learn a little about the way of life in the Bahamian islands which lie between Cuba and Florida. A collection will be taken to support the work of Women's World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and projects run by Christian charities around the world. All are very welcome.

During Lent there will be Lenten Lunches served every Friday by St Augustine's Church, Matson from 1200 until 1330. Due to renovation work at St. Augustine's Church Hall, the lunches are kindly being hosted by Matson Baptist Church until 6 March. Lunches on Fridays 13, 20 and 27 March will then be in St Augustine's Hall. Proceeds will be shared between CAFOD and the Together in Matson project.

# More information about the Flower Show

## Upton St Leonards 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show

To be held at the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 2.00 to 4.30p.m.

### SECTION "A" – VEGETABLES AND FRUIT – OPEN

Prize for best exhibit in Section "A" - £7.50 (see Award 17) Classes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potatoes, 3 tubers, white.</li> <li>2. Potatoes, 3 tubers, coloured (varieties with white skins and pink eyes accepted in this class)</li> <li>3. Potato, one for weight.</li> <li>4. Sweetcorn, dish of 3 cobs</li> <li>5. Carrots, long, 3 roots (min. length 300mm, not more than 3" tops)</li> <li>6. Carrots, other than long, 3 roots (not more than 3" tops)</li> <li>7. Beets, round, 3 roots (not more than 3" tops)</li> <li>8. Leeks, 3</li> <li>9. Onions, 3 bulbs</li> <li>10. Onion, one for weight</li> <li>11. Shallots, 5 bulbs</li> <li>12. Runner beans, 6 pods</li> <li>13. Runner beans, one for length.</li> <li>14. Any other type of bean, 6 pods</li> <li>15. Cabbage, 2 heads</li> <li>16. Tomatoes, 5 fruits, any variety</li> <li>17. Tomatoes, plum, 5 fruits</li> <li>18. Tomatoes, cherry, 5 fruits</li> <li>19. Cucumbers, ridge, 2</li> <li>20. Cucumbers, greenhouse, 2</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Vegetable Marrows, 2 for table use, max300mm length</li> <li>22. Vegetable Marrow, one for weight</li> <li>23. Courgettes, 3</li> <li>24. Sweet Green Peppers, 3</li> <li>25. Pumpkin, one for circumference</li> <li>26. Lettuce, cabbage, 2 with roots</li> <li>27. Lettuce, Cos, 2 with roots</li> <li>28. Any other vegetable in reasonable quantity</li> <li>29. A bunch of mixed culinary herbs - in water</li> <li>30. Desert Apples, 3 fruits</li> <li>31. Culinary Apples, 3 fruits</li> <li>32. Pears, 3 fruits</li> <li>33. Plums, 5 fruits</li> <li>34. Rhubarb, 3 sticks</li> <li>35. Blackberries, 12 fruits</li> <li>36. Culinary Apple, one for weight</li> <li>37. Autumn Raspberries, 12 fruits</li> <li>38. Any other fruit in reasonable quantity</li> </ol> <p><b>Novice Classes - vegetables</b> ( a novice has never won 1st prize for vegetables in any show )</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39. Runner beans, 6 pods</li> <li>40. Onions, dish of three of one variety</li> <li>41. Potatoes, dish of three of one variety</li> <li>42. Tomatoes, dish of five of one variety</li> <li>43. Any other vegetable in reasonable quantity</li> </ol> |
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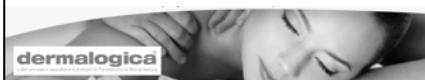
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# March News from your Village Agent

Lou Kemp 07776 245767

I thought I'd focus this month's article on some of the wonderful volunteering opportunities available at the moment. I am very excited to begin with the great news that Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) who manage the Village Agent scheme have secured funding for a county wide befriending service for older people, called "Friends for You". Social isolation can be the greatest difficulty experienced by many people and can have a detrimental effect on their mental health. If you think that you'd enjoy being able to offer regular visits offering friendship and a listening ear, you will be amazed on the positive impact on your own sense of wellbeing as well as the person you are befriending. Call Sue Black, Friends for You, on 07810 630167 / 01452 528491 or email [sue.friendsforyou@ggrcc.org.uk](mailto:sue.friendsforyou@ggrcc.org.uk)

Sometimes when I visit people I talk about benefits such as Attendance Allowance which is there to help pay for support with personal care, or perhaps Pension Credit. Pension Credit is an income-related benefit made up of 2 parts - Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit Guarantee Credit tops up your weekly income if it's below £148.35 (for single people) or £226.50 (for couples). Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who saved some money towards their retirement, eg a pension. If the person needed help with applying for a benefit I might refer them to Age UK or an organisation such as Carers Gloucestershire. Age UK are looking for volunteers to visit people in their homes in the Stroud area to help identify the welfare benefits they might be entitled to and to help complete the necessary forms. Call Chez Milne Outreach and Advice officer on 01452 422660

Are you someone who loves to sort things and bring order to chaos? Then, what about volunteering with P3 who provide housing related support in the Stroud area? Help is required to assist people pack prior to moving home, tidy and organise cluttered houses and gardens. There are also some admin roles available. Contact Gale Bowstead on 01453 750480 or email [gail.bowstead@p3charity.org](mailto:gail.bowstead@p3charity.org)

Artshape which was established in 1993, aims at providing activities for adults and children facing disabling barriers, particularly learning disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health service users and survivors, victims of domestic abuse and older people. They are looking for people to help out on an inclusive course for 8-18 year olds, with dance, costume making, arts, crafts and film making. They are also looking for people to help on their art courses, preparing exhibitions, helping with concerts and they need help with office admin. Call 01452 863855 or email [volunteer@artshape.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@artshape.org.uk).

Other organisations looking for help at the moment are Sue Ryder (befriending and creative therapies assistant) call 01242 230199. Third Sector Services (community drivers) Call Lisa Stearns, Transport Manager 01242 220685 or email [lisa@thirdsectorservices.org.uk](mailto:lisa@thirdsectorservices.org.uk)

Gloucestershire Disabled Afloat Riverboats Trust (canal boat skippers, help with catering, trip managers and support workers). Call Paul Treble on 01242 674 092

If you have access to a computer, the following sites are very helpful to look at the range of opportunities available. If you don't have access, you can call me and I will help you to look at what you might like to do.

[www.volunteerglos.org.uk](http://www.volunteerglos.org.uk)      [www.gavca.org.uk/](http://www.gavca.org.uk/)      [www.vcastroud.org](http://www.vcastroud.org)

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# Parish Matters

## February Parish Council Meeting

At the Parish Council meeting in the Pavilion on February 2, Chairman Keith Pearson reported that the County, Stroud District and our Village Council had all agreed to make no increase in Council Tax for the coming year 2014-15.

He also read out the crime report for the Village - there had been one theft in the last month, from the Painswick Road motorway bridge contractors area.

Speaking of which, the Council was very pleased with the way the contractors had tidied up after finishing the bridge works, and the clerk has sent a letter of thanks.

There was some worry about the state of the new southbound motorway service area, most of which is in our Parish. Though the work is nearing completion it looks as if the landscaping being used to mask the buildings is not as effective as that on the northbound side. The Parish Council will ask the Stroud planning office to check on the status and the work.

An upgrade is planned for the mobile phone mast on the Recreation Ground. Vodafone's contractors have discussed the changes with the Parish Council and there is now a planning application in place. What is proposed is that a new mast will be installed, of much the same size, adjacent to the current one. When the new one is in place, the old one will be removed.

Councillors are to have talks with Stagecoach and Severn Trent about the bus route when the mains water replacement work affects Churchfield Road. For this work and other road works the Council will be trying to get more information in advance, so it can be published in USL Life before the work is due to start!

The kitchen in the Pavilion has been refurbished.

The Parish Council will be putting an article in a future USL Life asking for opinion on this: what improvements and investments, that can be funded from the parish share of the Council Tax, would Village people like to see. Would villagers agree to some increase in the parish share to fund improvements? The difficulty in such a consultation is in giving people a clear picture of what things the Parish Council could or could not fund. For example, in any such surveys, most responses talk about filling potholes or resurfacing pavements - neither of which are funded from Parish Council funds. So see what the article says when it comes out!

Reporter : Andy Russell

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



### **Your vote matters so make sure you're registered!**

Ahead of the UK Parliamentary General election and local elections taking place on **Thursday 7 May 2015**, Stroud District Council is urging its residents to get involved by registering to vote.

Since the law changed in June last year, everyone is now responsible for their own registration, rather than registering as a household.

Anyone who has changed their address or is a new voter needs to make sure that they are registered. Not being on the electoral register could also affect your credit rating.

Registering to vote is easy and can be done online by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Those registering will need to provide their date of birth and national insurance number. Anyone without internet can contact the elections team.

You can register to vote at any time, but the deadlines for registration ahead of the election are:

- Last date for Registration – Monday 20 April
- Last date for Postal Vote Applications – Tuesday 21 April
- Last date for Proxy Vote Applications – Tuesday 28 April

The publication of candidates standing in the elections will be available from Thursday 9 April for the Parliamentary Election and Friday 10 April for local elections.

If you would like to know more about electoral registration, or request registration forms, please contact the elections team.

Phone: 01453 754 886

Email: [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk)

[www.stroud.gov.uk/vote](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/vote)

# World War 1 Centenary Commemorations - Update

We are pleased to report that the Diocesan authorities have approved a "Faculty" for the erection of two wooden plaques in the Church to commemorate the 37 local men, listed on the stone War Memorial, who gave their lives in the Great War. We are currently awaiting funding approval from the Heritage Lottery Fund (fingers crossed) before the plaques can be built and in the meantime will be featuring some facts about our men, in the month of the centenary of their passing.

## 1914

- Henry Panter was a Corporal (8064) in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He was born 3 May 1880, lived in Bondend in the care of Mrs Hays and attended Tredworth School and then Upton School from 25 March 1901. He enlisted in Bristol and went to France 13 August 1914, landing at Le Havre. He died on Sunday 1 November 1914 during the First Battle of Ypres, aged 34; he has no known grave and is named on Panels 22 and 34 at the Menin Gate, Ypres.
- George Avery was a Private (8029) in 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He was born on 6 March 1884, the son of George and Mary Avery, and lived on The Pound in Upton. He went to Upton School from May 1888 to 19 March 1896. George was married to Edith Louise who originally came from Canada. He enlisted in Gloucester and went to France on 13 August 1914. His service number is close to that of Henry Panter and as they were in the same battalion it is likely they knew each other. George died on 7 November 1914 aged 31 during the First Battle of Ypres and like Henry has no known grave and is named on Panels 22 and 34 at the Menin Gate, Ypres.

## 1915

- Arthur Edward Ballinger was a Private (8136) of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He was born on 8 March 1885, lived at Spring Cottage on Upton Hill and went to Upton School from March 1890 to October 1897. He enlisted in Gloucester and went to France on 13 August 1914 (*as did Henry Panter and George Avery*). He was reported Missing In Action at Loos and died on Thursday 18 February 1915 aged 29. He has no known grave and is named on Panel 17 of the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website shows Private 8136 who died 18 Feb 15 as *Edward T Ballinger*. The Parish Magazine of July 1915 also shows "Edward" as Killed in Action. It is probable that this detail came from his enlistment record (hence the CWGC record), but his family knew him as "Arthur" hence the Upton War Memorial inscription.

We hope this will stimulate readers to investigate more about these men; please let us know your findings.

*We Will Remember Them*

Roy Roberts (USL Parish Councillor) and Mike Stratford (Chairman USL History Group)

## Puzzle Answers

The answers to the February Criss Cross Facts:

1. Boudicca
2. Bluebird
3. Dickens
4. Pepys
5. Bobbies
6. Dolly
7. Waitangi
8. Eastenders
9. Decimalisation
10. Candlemas
11. Plimsoll
12. Ash
13. Anderson
14. Flying Scotsman
15. DNA
16. Grand National
17. Leap Year
18. Valentine
19. Setsubun
20. Execution
21. Snowdrop
22. Edison

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 the first month or so

# VILLAGE DIARY

## MARCH

2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
2	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
3	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
3	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
3	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
3	Tues	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
4	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
4	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
4	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
4	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
4	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
4	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
5	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
5	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
5	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
6	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45p.m.
6	Fri	Coffee Morning for Dementia Week.....	BMI.....	10.00am
7	Sat	Cats Protection League Jumble Sale.....	Village Hall.....	11.00a.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
9	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
9	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
10	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
10	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
10	Tue	Copy date for April issue of USL Life		
11	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
11	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
11	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
11	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
11	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
11	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
11	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
12	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
12	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
12	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
12	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
13	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45p.m.
14	Sat	Spring Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00p.m.
16	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
16	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
16	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
16	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
16	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
17	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
17	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
17	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
17	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
18	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
18	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
18	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
18	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
18	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
18	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
18	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
19	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
19	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
19	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
19	Thu	History Group - Tudor Gloucester.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
20	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45p.m.
21	Sat	Spring Quiz.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
21	Sat	Rent-a-Crowd 2015.....	Village Hall.....	8.00-12.00p.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.

23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
23	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
23	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
23	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
24	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
24	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
24	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
25	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
25	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
25	Wed	Stitchers.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
25	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
25	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
25	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
25	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
26	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
26	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
26	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
26	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
27	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45p.m.
29	Sun	British Summer Time Begins		
30	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
30	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
30	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
30	Mon	Fitness Training (2 separate sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
31	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-12.00p.m.
31	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
31	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
31	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not shown below this line

APRIL

10	Fri	Copy Date for May issue of USL Life		
13	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
20	Mon	AGM for USL Life.....	T.b.a.....	7.30p.m.
23	Thu	Upstagers - Black Comedy - Prepare to meet thy Tomb.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
24	Fri	Upstagers - Black Comedy - Prepare to meet thy Tomb.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
25	Sat	Upstagers - Black Comedy - Prepare to meet thy Tomb.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
29	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

MAY

4	Mon	Upton WI - Speaker John Crowther - The Hedgehog Hosp.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
7	Thu	General Election.....	Village Hall	
9	Sat	"Big Band" Night.....	Village Hall	
10	Sun	Copy Date for June issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
21	Thur	History Group - Jet Age Museum.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Wed	Ladies Probus - Trip to Bath		
28	Thu	Get Together Club - Outing to Evesham Country Park		

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## About Us

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## Social Club Tennis

Tuesday 6.00pm Seniors (First club night of the season: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015)

Wednesday 9.00am Ladies

Thursday 9.00am Men

Sunday 10.00am Mixed and Families

## Membership

Our season runs from April to March.

Fees for 2015/2016 are:

	<u>Before 30 April</u>	<u>After 1 May</u>
Families	£110	£122
Senior (over 18 yrs)	£55	£61
Senior Citizen	£44	£49
Junior (under 17 yrs)	£22	£25
Student (in full time ed)	£38.50	£43

## How To Join

When you join you will receive a club handbook which contains the details of club contacts, events, league fixtures and the all important combination number to gain entry to the courts. As a member you can play whenever the courts are available by putting your name on the booking sheet which is posted in the club hut.

## Contact For all enquiries:

**Maureen Snell**

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## Personal Column

We were saddened to hear of the death in January of John Edge, of Staites Orchard, a long term resident of the village.

It is also sad to report the death of Ken Herbert, of Twyver Close, also a long term resident of the village

## School Parking

I am highlighting the fact that parents arriving in cars are ignoring the school zone zig zags in Twyver Close. The zig zags have been placed on this corner to ensure that emergency vehicles can access Twyver Close. We have had situations in the past where on different occasions both a fire engine and ambulance were unable to get into the close.

Neil Eley

Editor says "happy to print this concern Neil but it would be good to raise with school direct as the majority of parents don't receive this Newsletter".



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**The Church is open for donations  
Friday evenings 6 - 6.30 pm  
Contact Diana Way for information**