

Upton St Leonards Life *incorporating Church News*

Issue 31

March 2017



USL's 44th Spring Show

Saturday 11 March

1400-1600 Village Hall

your Spring Show Committee has again worked hard to keep our long standing village tradition alive and better than ever. The Show opens at 2pm and it would great to see you even if you are not participating.

Come and have a cuppa, slice of cake and see what talent we have in our village!

If you are still thinking of entering any of the competitions, you can see the full schedule, entry forms and recipes on the Parish Council Website - www.uptonstleonards-pc.gov.uk, in your local Post Office or from Marilyn Bannister.

Dont forget, any entries for competitions have to be submitted to Marilyn by 8pm on Thursday 9 March.

For Rent-a-Craft Stalls contact Jackie Lord.

This is a community event so please come and support the Show and all who are contributing.



Picture shown above from a previous show

SPRING IS NEARLY HERE!



Mike Long with his latest arrivals



What's happening in March?



Here's a reminder for those lucky enough to still have their mothers that the big day is Sunday 26 March. How will you treat the person who will always be there for you ?

First Day of Spring - Monday 20 March

Spring, spring is coming soon
Grass is green, and flowers bloom
Birds returning from the South
Bees are buzzing all about
Leaves are budding everywhere
Spring, spring is finally here

- Author unknown

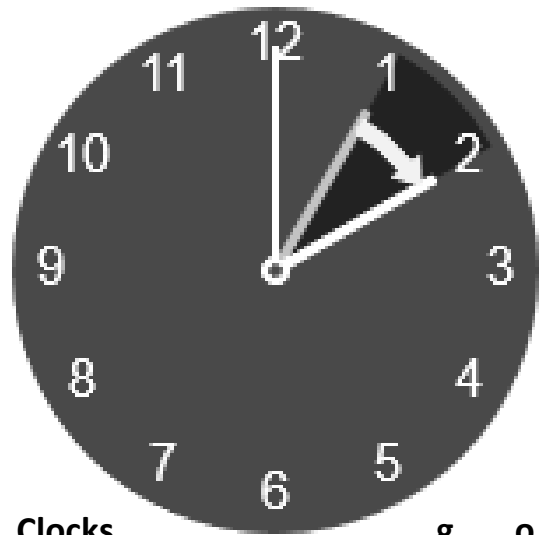
Clocks Change

Welcome to British Summer Time and lighter days !

This arrangement arose when a philanthropist called William Willett back in 1907 suggested changing time to avoid wasting time in the mornings !

Did You Know?

For those into pop music, William Willett is Great -Great-Grandfather to the lead singer with Coldplay; Chris Martin



Clocks forward one hour at 1am on 26 March

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A Reminder for your Spring Show

Class SECTION A – FLOWERS, PLANTS & BULBS

- 1 A bunch of 6 daffodils or other Spring flowers, any variety cut from your garden
- 2 1 House plant – in flower
- 3 1 House plant – for foliage
- 4 1 Succulent or Cactus
- 5 Bulbs in any type of container



SECTION B – FLOWER ARRANGING

- 6 '21st BIRTHDAY (Male or Female)' table centre decoration Max.space 18"/46cms. w.& d
- 7 'QUEEN'S SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY' in any container Max.space 12"/30cms. w.h & d
- 8 'CHRISTENING' an arrangement in a basket Max space 10"/25cms. w.& d
- 9 'HAPPY EASTER' an arrangement in any container Max space 12"/30cms w.& D

SECTION C – HOME PRODUCE, COOKERY

- 10 COFFEE & WALNUT SPONGE CAKE - to given recipe found on entry form
- 11 SAVOURY PIZZA - 6"-8" use a brought or homemade base with your own topping.
- 12 'HAVE A GO PASTY' – 2 OF YOUR BEST- to given recipe on entry form
- 13 ALL IN ONE FRUIT CAKE - to given recipe found on entry form
- 14 SHORTBREAD ROUNDS – 6 OF YOUR BEST- to given recipe found on entry form
- 15 **MEN ONLY** – 6 CHOCOLATE CUP CAKES – to given recipe found on entry form



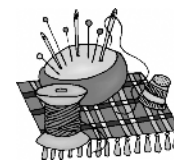
SECTION D – PRESERVES, PICKLES

- 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



SECTION E – ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

- 21 A HAND KNITTED ITEM up to 4 ply* *These items should not
- 22 A HAND KNITTED ITEM in double knitting* have been exhibited in
- 23 A HAND KNITTED ITEM in fancy wool/yarn* any previous show.
- 24 A CROCHETED ITEM in any yarn*
- 25 SHOW US YOUR HIDDEN TALENTS* - Let us see what you have made.
- 26 A PICTURE (HANDICRAFT)* - Max size 18"/46cms square, excluding frame.
- 27 A PICTURE (ART)* - Max size 18"/46cms square, excluding frame.
- 28 A HANDMADE BAG* - made from recycled materials*
- 29 A QUILTED ITEM*



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.

- 30 'PRETTY IN PINK'
- 31 'PAMPERED PET'
- 32 'A VILLAGE EVENT'
- 33 'DANCE TO THE RHYTHM'
- 34 'VIEW FROM A GLOUCESTER HILL'
- 35 'SHADOWS' *BLACK & WHITE PRINTS ONLY for this class.*



XA2 OPEN CLASS Upton WI PHOTOGRAPH – 'A USL VILLAGE SCENE'

The photographs should be suitable to be used as a postcard or Christmas card & is sponsored by the USL LIFE Newsletter

SECTION G CHILDRENS CLASSES

AGE 7 YEARS & UNDER

- 46 MAKE A COLLAGE OF A BIRD - any media A4 size
- 47 MAKE A VEGETABLE PERSON
- 48 DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL A4 size

AGE 8 - 16 YEARS

- 49 DRAW A SNAIL AND CREATE A MOSAIC SHELL - out of recycled materials.
- 50 A COLLAGE MADE FROM LEAVES – any subject A4 size.

ANY AGE GROUP

- 51 SOMETHING I HAVE MADE - any media
- 52 ROCKY ROAD BARS – show 6 of your best bars to given recipe found on entry form

UP TO AGE 16 YEARS

- 53 A PHOTOGRAPH I HAVE TAKEN – 'ANY SPORT'



SECTION XA – CHARITY CLASS

XA1 'BATTERSEA DOG & CATS HOME' Knit a 'MISCHIEVOUS MOUSE' in double knitting, any colour. PATTERN is available from Val Doll or can be found on www.battersea.org.uk/support-us/events/knitting-kittens-club or in January's USL LIFE newsletter ENTRIES TO BE DONATED

XA2 OPEN CLASS Upton WI – see SECTION F PHOTOGRAPHY & RULES

XA3 OPEN CLASS Christchurch Abbeydale Craft Circle -

'CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFE LINE' Knit a JUMPER to fit a 7-11 year old. Any colour/ply using your own pattern. ENTRIES TO BE DONATED.

What's Been Happening in USL?

USL WI News - February Report

Diane welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. One birthday card was given out.

Items from the Newsletter were read out. There are walks at Dumbleton, Toddington Bisley and there are also some interesting workshops. We are holding a Fashion Show on 21st April in the Village Hall (please put the date in your diaries!). We need 8 models and members were asked to volunteer. Our next Luncheon is on 22nd February.

After all the business was concluded we welcomed our speakers from Emmaus. Addie the Chief Executive spoke first, giving its history, what it does and how she became involved. They help the homeless and have several homes where they can become accommodated. Addie then introduced three gentlemen that Emmaus had helped. The first one told us how he had a drink problem and how over time he had lost two businesses and two marriages had ended. He now looked after all the furniture that is donated for sale in the charity shops. He hadn't had a drink since he had been there. The other two gentlemen had similar stories and had turned their lives around.

Our next meeting is on 6th March, 7.30 in the Village Hall. The talk is entitled "Ghostly Tales in Gloucestershire and The Cotswolds". Visitors are always welcome.

Diane Thomas

TWYVER WI News - February Report



For the past year, the WI, along with hundreds of other organisations, has worked to raise awareness of climate change and show politicians that there is a strong mandate to make tackling climate change a priority.

Twyver members happily embraced the wearing of the green heart during their monthly meeting, to show their support and this February, members across the country will show their love for all the things that are affected by climate change.

After the conclusion of the usual notices, President Margaret Buckley welcomed our speaker for the evening, Magistrate Celia Hargrave. Celia both enlightened and delighted us with her humorous interactive delivery of all things connected with the Magisterial world.



Whilst we learned that the judicial system in England and Wales dated back to 1195 we also learned that the only Magistrates' court in the whole of Gloucestershire is now in Cheltenham, with Gloucester and Stroud Courts being closed in the last few months. Celia, (a former headteacher), has been a Magistrate for twenty years, acts as an Appraiser amongst her peers and also works in the Family Courts. So, with this vast experience she was able to recreate numerous scenarios at will and suddenly Twyver members found themselves 'answerable' to some of the less serious criminal cases, such as minor theft, criminal damage, assaults, public disorder and motoring offences - that would be typically addressed in the Magistrates' Court. Amidst the banter that ensued, there was a renewed appreciation of what a significant role is played by the Magistrates; and especially to their dedication to ensure that fairness is the essence of everything they do and all this is voluntary! A truly gifted and inspirational lady.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 13th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be the GFWI County Chairwoman, Anne Turner who will talk to us about Centenary Celebrations in 2019. Visitors are always welcome.

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What's Been Happening in USL? - Cont'd

Upton St Leonards Ladies Probus Club

On Wednesday the 25th of January the Upton St Leonards Ladies Probus club held its annual bring and buy sale at the B.M.I. While the committee busied themselves setting out the donated items, the members warmed themselves with coffee, and the sale of raffle tickets commenced.

Prizes of a cream tea at Bowden Hall, a family entry ticket to the Rococo Gardens and afternoon tea at Prinknash encouraged

ladies to buy several tickets.

Thanks to the generosity of the major prize donors and the members, the sum of £188.00 was raised.



The President, Mrs Teresa Clarke, presented a cheque to her chosen charity, "The Butterfly Garden" based near Staverton. Mr Chris Evans, the founder, was a very grateful recipient and thanked the Ladies Probus Club for their hard work and generosity.

Entertainment Nights at the BMI

There have been two extremely enjoyable entertainment evenings at the BMI.

Firstly, on Saturday 21st January there was a "Motown Disco" which was well attended.

Also, on Saturday 4th February we were entertained by "Bak2Bak". This duo played a selection of songs from the 60's and 70's including some Motown and were back by popular demand.

On both evenings, there were lots of dancing and a great atmosphere all round.

Letter to The Editor

The article last month about John Speed's historic (1600's) map of the area asked about the village of "Newark" showing between Gloucester and Hempsted. Janet Carr emailed us to say the current Ordinance Survey maps still show an area labelled as "Newark" just to the north of Hempsted and south of the landfill site.



There is no village there now, only Newark House, on Honeythorne Close. It is dated 1830 but incorporates parts of a 17th Century house that used to be there.

Janet also pointed out that in Tuffley there is a Newark Road. This is some distance from Hempsted, and it is unknown whether the road name is in any way connected with Newark House or village. It does happen to lie along a line that points to Newark House, however. Coincidence or not?

What's Coming Up in USL?

Join the UpStagers

for an evening of

Murder Mystery & 2 course Hot Supper

A bar will be available

23, 24 and 25 March

7pm for 7.30pm

Village Hall

Tickets £13 (Concessions £12)

from Jackie Lord

**Advance payment required
due to catering**



USCAN AGM

The AGM for USCAN is being held on the same evening as the USL Life AGM at Bowden Hall Hotel and will start at 8.30m.

This will enable anyone who wishes or needs to attend the USCAN AGM to do so after the USL Life team have concluded their business.

USCAN LITTERPICK

VOLUNTEER!

..... **To Keep Our Village Tidy!**

On Saturday 11 March, our local Environment Group (USCAN) is organising a Litter Pick.

If you can spare a couple of hours, why not meet some new people and get some exercise. Also, you could bring the kids along and make it a family activity?

Everyone will meet at the Pavilion building at 0930.

Any queries can be directed to Andy Russell



USL Life AGM

The USL Life AGM will be held on Monday 27th March at 7.45pm at Bowden Hall Hotel




Anyone may attend, but voting at the AGM has to be restricted to members of the company. To become a member is simple: ask one of the people listed on the back page! Or you can join on the website usllife.org.uk The meeting will not be a long session but enough to share an overview, results for 2016 and our current state of play.

USL Life Team Meeting (7pm before AGM)

Prior to our AGM we would like to hold a short team meeting to catch up with each other and discuss some fund raising ideas for 2017. If you are available please come along for a chat, glass of wine and some nibbles!

What's Coming Up in USL? - Cont'd



BMI Spring Quiz

For BMI members and signed in guests

Saturday 8th April 2017 @ 8.00p.m.


With ERIC OUR QUIZMASTER

£5.00 per team of 4

All profit on the night to be donated to the BMI charity for 2016/2107 who are Longfield. They provide support for adults with life-limiting illness.

Action Required

Please add your name to the booking sheet in the foyer of the B.M.I. by Thursday 6th April 2017 to ensure that we have enough copies of our quiz sheets available on the night.



QUIZ NIGHT

Summer Skittles in BMI

It will soon be time for the annual "Summer Skittles Competition" at the B.M.I. These friendly matches take place during June and July. The booking sheet will be available in the B.M.I. foyer at the beginning of April and we look forward to welcoming old and new teams. There can only be a maximum of 16 teams within the competition so you will need to book quickly to guarantee your team's entry.



Tips for your Garden/Allotment in March

In your garden its time to mulch your soft fruits and plant out new canes etc. Also plant bare rooted roses, ideal for planting herbaceous, sow annual flower seeds, dead head hydrangeas and pot up the begonias. In the allotment continue winter digging and fertilising and at the end of March plant out your chitted first early potatoes, sow brussels, summer cabbage, broccoli, onions and leeks in nursery beds. You can also weather permitting, in open ground, plant seeds of spinach, swiss chard, early beetroot, carrots, parsnips, early lettuce, peas, broad beans and turnips. This year I am going to try soya beans as an experiment. Will keep you informed of progress and if I get a good crop.

Carol Evans

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Village Agent Report

March News from your Village Agent Gill Cannon

What is Careline?

As you know I am working closely with the Neighbourhood Wardens, Community Police and Fire Service. This month Carol Novoth and I, neighbourhood warden would like to remind people about Careline, a service provided by Stroud District Council.

It is a way of getting help through your telephone system quickly and efficiently 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A small personal radio transmitter is worn as a pendant around the neck, on a wrist-strap or clipped to clothing. This is linked to special unit - the Careline - which plugs in to a modern telephone point with an adjacent 13amp electrical socket.



Careline plays a key role in helping older and/or vulnerable people to live independently and safely in their own homes. For many people the telephone is their only means of talking with friends and neighbours. But in a crisis the Stroud District Council Careline could provide help when you need it most, day or night. The service benefits older people, those with a disability and people feeling vulnerable who need reassurance.

How does it work? By pressing the pendant a signal is sent to the Careline, which will then dial automatically to our Control Room. Your pre-programmed personal details will come up on a computer screen and a fully-trained operator will be able to talk to you through a very powerful speaker and listen to you through a very sensitive microphone.

How will they help me? The Control Room will quickly establish what assistance you require i.e. an Ambulance, Doctor, or perhaps one of your nominated contacts (neighbour, friend or a family member who ideally holds a key to your property). The Control Room Staff will stay on the line to reassure you until help arrives

How are they available? A Careline can be bought or rented. There may be some financial assistance available for anyone over the age of sixty who is in receipt of a means-tested benefit such as Council tax benefit, housing benefit or income support. For those under sixty and in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) you may be eligible for financial assistance if you are also in receipt of one of the mentioned benefits.

For more information please call Stroud District Council on; 01453 754149 Monday to Friday between 9am-4.30pm: Email; careline@stroud.gov.uk

For those who are not eligible for Careline there are other privately run carelines such as Telecare. Other "panic buttons" can also be obtained. I will be happy to talk through the options with you.

The Village Agent scheme is county wide, helping over 50's with information and support.

Please call me to arrange a home visit or email me and I will be in touch
gannon@villageagent.grcc.org.uk. 07776 245767

Information

Parish Council Report

- There have been reports of suspicious activity at night with cars parked in tucked away places. If you notice anything of this nature and you are able to remember registrations please pass details to the Parish Clerk on 01452 621688 or email: uslclerk@btinternet.com
- It was agreed that for Clubs using the Recreation Ground there would be a 3% increase in fees
- An update was provided on improvements suggested by village residents - see page 10 for details

Planning

- An application to provide a garage and car-port for Steps House, Portway was supported
- An application to change the front garden into parking spaces for Willindon, High Street was not supported and Highways advice has been requested



Stroud District

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



Your vote matters so make sure you're registered!

Ahead of the County Council Elections taking place on **Thursday 4 May 2017**, Stroud District Council is urging its residents to get involved by registering to vote.

Since the law changed in June 2014, every individual 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. 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 – Thursday 13 April 2017**
- **Last date for Postal Vote Applications – Tuesday 18 April 2017**
- **Last date for Proxy Vote Applications – Tuesday 25 April 2017**

The publication of candidates standing in the elections will be available from Tuesday 4 April for the County Council Elections.

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

Phone: 01453 754886 or

Email: elections@stroud.gov.uk www.stroud.gov.uk/vote

Information - cont'd

Village Improvements

You will see the latest position below on the various ideas contributed by residents towards the end of last year.

The Parish Council will be organising an afternoon (date to be decided and communicated in USL Life) where the specific proposals will be shared and feedback gained before the final decision to spend is taken. This will ensure any investments are more likely to be used given the use of public funds.

Siting of Benches in the Village

Several discussions have taken place around this subject and it was agreed at a recent Parish Council Meeting that the opportunity for residents to Sponsor a bench would be offered. If this offer was taken up, the Parish Council would commit to the maintenance of any benches sponsored in the village. If you think you would be interested in this idea, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01452 621688 or email: usclerk@btinternet.com.



Possible sites include the corner of The Stanley, the Recreation Ground, Woodland Green and Twyver Bank.

Vehicle Speed / Safety Issues

A meeting was held with Highways before Xmas including visiting specific areas in the village. This included the possible siting of Vehicle Activation Signs (VAS) to reduce vehicle speeds and improved road markings / signage where it would improve safety.

It was agreed in principle that we would jointly fund the necessary vehicle speed assessments to establish whether VAS was necessary as the cost of each sign is approx £6k. This will happen sometime in the new financial year (post April 2017). Assuming the analysis supports moving forward we are looking to fund jointly with highways.



Xmas Tree on Village Green

The Parish Council have already agreed to plant a permanent Xmas Tree on the Green (the first tree was a temporary arrangement) and this will be taking place in the Spring (within the next couple of months).



Outdoor Gym Equipment

Suitable equipment has been researched with associated costs. The siting of this equipment was discussed at January's Recreation Committee Meeting and a site proposed and supported by the Council. The final decision to purchase will be taken after consultation with residents. If we go ahead on this, the Council will be seeking Grant support where possible to help fund equipment purchases.



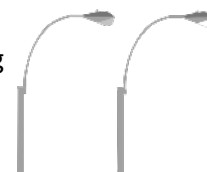
Children's Play Equipment

The proposal is to purchase a Multi-Play piece of equipment that would be suitable for ages 2-10 years. The siting of this equipment, if we go ahead, is likely to be in the Ash Grove area but again this will be subject to resident consultation.



Lighting in Six Acres

We will be consulting with residents of Six Acres shortly to establish demand for Street Lighting and a decision will be made after this has taken place.



Peter Wilson

Environment Lead, Parish Council

CHURCH NEWS

Lent

Please see the diary and the items below it for special activities in the period of Lent.



Mothering Sunday

This is always a very special time of year when we can not only give thanks at our home (or Mother) church, in a tradition stretching back many centuries, but we also

celebrate our own mothers. Do come to our 10 o'clock service on Mothering Sunday, 26th March.

You are most welcome at this and all our services

Who's Who at the Parish Church

Priest-in-Charge:

(Revd Clodagh Ingram from end April)

Churchwardens:

- 1 Keith Robbins
- 2 Vacancy

PCC Secretary:

Roy Roberts

Church Treasurer:

Vacancy

Deanery Synod Representative:

Dorothy Cox

Bell Tower Captain:

Charlie Burnett

Mothers' Union:

Rachel Hall

Church Cleaning Rota:

Claire Appleyard

Church Flower Rota:

Evelyn Rumsey

Electoral Roll Officer:

Naomi Gunn-Stanley

To book baptisms and weddings please call Rachel Hall or Jenny Cunningham

CHURCH CALENDAR - MARCH

Wednesday 1st ASH WEDNESDAY

6.00pm Holy Communion at Christchurch Abbeydale

Friday 3rd Women's World Day of Prayer

10.30am Service at St Oswald's, Coney Hill

Sunday 5th

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Service

6.00pm Lent service at St Lawrence, Barnwood
Speaker: Revd Ann Morris

Tuesday 7th

9.00-12.00am Church open for coffee & chat

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Sunday 12th

10.00am Communion.

6.00pm Lent service at Christchurch.

Speaker: Bishop Robert

Tuesday 14th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Thursday 16th 2.00pm Mothers' Union meeting at 13 Perry Orchard.

Sunday 19th

No morning service

6.00pm Lent Evening Service - HERE

Speaker: Susan Cooke

Tuesday 21st 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

Sunday 26th MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00am Family Service

6.00pm Lent service at St Oswald's, Coney Hill

Speaker: Revd Steve Davies

Tuesday 28th 9.00-12.00 Church open for coffee & chat

A Journey Through Lent

Every Sunday evening in Lent there is a service for the season here and in the neighbour churches. See the calendar above.

Every Friday March 3rd - April 7th you can eat an "austerity" lunch of homemade soup, bread, cheese, tea or coffee, for £4, at St Augustine's Hall, Matson, 12.00 - 1.30pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March 10.30am. This year the local service is being held at St Oswald's, Coney Hill. Please join us (men are welcome too) and enjoy a thought-provoking interdenominational service prepared by Christian Women of the Philippines. Tea and Coffee will be served.

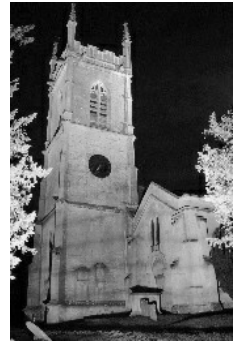
CHURCH NEWS

TOWER FLOODLIGHTS

On the 18th March, the Tower Lights are being sponsored by Margaret Jones, in loving memory of her late husband Fred, who died one year ago today.

The Tower Lights are kindly being sponsored by Angela Lewis on Monday 20th March, in loving memory of her late husband Ken, who passed away this day 11 years ago and also on Wednesday 29th March in memory of what would have been his 83rd birthday.

On Thursday 30th March, the Tower will be lit in loving memory of Viv Pirie (Dancing Queen), who passed away on this day 2 years ago. Sponsored by her husband Bob and her parents Gill and Max.



If you or your family wish to have the lights sponsored in celebration of a birthday or anniversary or for a loved one's life or any other reason then please contact Jenny Cunningham for more details. There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to give to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to gift aid any donation this will help us too. Please note that the deadline to ensure a dedication gets in this newsletter is the 10th of the preceding month.

LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE

On January 29th Rachel Hall led the evening service with the special theme of remembrance for loved ones, with lighting of candles in their memory. Forty two names were read out, and it was a great pleasure to meet and greet old and new faces. During the service poems of remembrance were read.

Amongst those remembered were Colonel and Mrs E R P Berryman (there was a feature on Colonel Berryman in last month's USL Life). He was churchwarden for many years. Descendants from as far away as Australia and Trinidad had requested this inclusion in the names remembered, and have also sent a large donation to church funds, for which many thanks.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

For the February 12th Family Service the theme was a celebration of Marriage. Again it was great to be joined by couples who felt it important to look back and forward with joy, celebration and thanks.

500
Club

The 500 Club winners for February were Roy Roberts and Mr & Mrs Trevor Hall

History of Upton St. Leonards Church building

PART 3



Most of the stained glass in the church dates from the 19th century, put in place to commemorate various people of the Village.

The stained glass in the small lancet window in the north wall of the chancel was given in memory of Canon Scobell.

It depicts Saint Leonard as the patron saint of prisoners, in a black cloak and hood, with handcuffs or manacles in his hand, and a scene showing him in prison with a prisoner at his feet and the executioner at the door. Joan Howson, who designed this window, also designed the windows in Kampala Cathedral.

The reredos, behind the altar, is an exceptionally fine example of mosaic work, either brought from Italy or at least of Italianate design.

Just inside the main entrance door is an inscription paying tribute to one of England's longest serving Nannies who died in 1891 after being with one family in Upton for 62 years!

There are three "parish chests" representing vastly different periods: one fairly modern, one dated 1637, and one of a very early date with fine examples of iron strappings and double locks - and fashioned out of a solid oak tree trunk.

Upton Church has had bells for several centuries - records show that there were six by 1682. These apparently were a type known as 'long bells', and the grooves cut into the tower walls to allow them to swing can still be seen. These bells were re-cast by the famous Gloucester bell-founder Abraham Rudhall in 1728. The tenor is 42.5 inches in diameter and has the inscription:

"I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all 1728". Two more bells, treble and second, were added in 1872, cast by John Warner and Sons, of London, making the present peal of eight.

During the re-hanging of the bells in 1889, after some restoration work, it was found that one of Rudhall's bells was cracked, and had to be re-cast (the reason for the cracking was the subject of some dispute!).

A major overhaul of the bells was made in 1976 by the well-known Loughborough firm of John Taylor & Co. It was discovered that movement in the bell frame caused hammering of the tower when the bells were rung. A new frame was purpose built to hold all the bells, with two sets of girders supporting the load and spreading it onto all four walls safely. Much of the work was done with the aid of church volunteers. Many of today's Villagers will remember this work and the appeal for funds for it under the name USLOT (Upton St Leonards Operation Tower); a very appropriate choice of name because it showed that the whole Village was involved.

When you are next in the churchyard, look up to the unusual double sanctus bell housing on the gable at the junction of the nave and chancel. In the Catholic liturgy, during the Eucharist, when the 'Tersanctus' (Holy Holy, Holy) was reached, the priest would have a bell-rope at hand to toll the bells, which hung here, three times. No doubt the bells disappeared at the Reformation, as no reference to them exists since that time.



Keith Robbins

For your diaries - the Holy Week and Easter Services:

Tuesday 4th April - Chipmunks Easter Service

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April - Upton Primary School Services

Sunday 9th April - PALM SUNDAY - 10am Communion Service and distribution of palms

Friday 14th April - GOOD FRIDAY - Meditative and Quiet Service (time TBC)

Sunday 16th April - EASTER DAY - 10am Communion Service for Easter



CHURCH NEWS



Join us and Bishop Rachel

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Charitable Trusts in Gloucestershire

This article is one of an occasional series about some of Gloucestershire's best and least known charitable trusts which help improve the lives of Gloucestershire people. Today we feature the **Gloucestershire Disability Fund** (charity no. 1048489), the operating name of the Gloucestershire Association for Disability.

The Charity has its roots in the County Committee for the Care of the Physically Handicapped which was established under the umbrella of Gloucestershire Community Council in 1948. The Committee first met under the guidance of the Major Peter Birchall (late of Bowden Hall) who later became chairman of Gloucestershire County Council. The Committee worked in close association with the then Health Department of the County Council and cared for over 6,000 physically disabled people during its early history. In 1970 with the introduction of new laws expanding the welfare state, many of the Committee's original aims became the responsibility of the County Council. This meant the Committee needed to update its purpose. In 1974 it became an independent charity covering the new smaller County of Gloucestershire and started offering respite care.

A Miss Enid Stuart who lived at The Rectory in Minchinhampton became very interested in the work of the charity. She was born in 1897 and was herself disabled as result of polio as a child. She wore calipers, and in later life lost her sight and used a wheelchair. Miss Stuart was the only child of Robert and Edith Stuart and was a very well-connected lady with her own entry in Debrett's Peerage. Her father, Robert Stuart, was a direct descendant of the 3rd Earl of Bute, one of the country's wealthiest landowners. Robert Stuart drowned in the SS Stella ferry disaster off the Casquets near Guernsey in 1899. Miss Stuart never married, and had no siblings and inherited considerable wealth on the death of her mother in 1963. In 1981 the charity was extremely fortunate to be left a large amount of cash plus property and land in Minchinhampton by

Miss Stuart. Later the charity received another substantial legacy from Miss Kathleen Powell.

The Rectory, now renamed Stuart House, became the new base of the charity from which it operated day, respite care and other services for physically disabled people. The charity's cash reserves slowly became exhausted and in 1997 further changes to national social policy and loss of county council funding meant the care centre was no longer financially viable. Alternative uses for the buildings also proved financially risky, so it was decided to sell the property and revise the purpose of the charity once more – this time to cease operating any services and become a trust fund helping disabled people with grants. This was felt to be in keeping with the wishes of Miss Stuart. The sale proceeds were invested and as income has grown, the grant programme has expanded.

Today the charity has three funding streams. **Well-being grants** help people of all ages living in the county with needs arising from a physical, learning or sensory disability, **grants to local organisations** working with Gloucestershire people with disabilities and a **future fund** to help adults with disabilities wishing to improve their prospects through education or training or develop their skills and talents in the fields of arts and sports.

The Future Fund helped Piers Gilliver and Andy Lewis pursue their paralympian ambitions to represent GB in the Rio Paralympics 2016. Piers came home with a silver medal for wheelchair fencing and Andy with his prosthetic leg won a triathlon gold medal. The charity's work continues to this day and to find out more, take a look at its website at www.glosdisabilityfund.org.uk.

Chris Ellson



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Phone and Computer Clinic

A new service is starting up in the Village to help people use their smart phones, iphones, tablets, ipads, laptops, etc. If you are asking "How do I skype my grand-daughter?" or "How do I get a print from my phone?", or some such question, we hope the new drop-in clinic can help you.

This is a free service for the Village provided by volunteers. At the moment there are two of us making ourselves available to help you:

Richard West
Andy Russell

One of us should be available every Monday 10am-noon during coffee club at the BMI, so you can drop in, have a coffee and bring us your problem. Bring your phone, tablet or laptop with you, so we can try to sort it out there and then.

Alternatively, you can simply call or email one of us and arrange to meet somewhere - probably your house.

Free Workshops!

We will also run, separately, a small workshop, every so often, on a specific topic. Examples could be running a particular app, improving your security, backing up photos / documents etc.

The first workshop will be on Wednesday 29th March at the Village Hall starting at 9.30am.

The subject for the first meeting will be how to use apps like Skype / WhatsApp / Facebook Messenger to call and see your friends and relatives.

Please call or email Andy Russell to book a place. You will need to bring your phone, tablet or laptop if you have one. If you haven't one, but would still like to see what this is all about, that's no problem, but let Andy know. You'll be able to borrow something.

Richard and Andy don't know it all, but they do know how to find the answers! And they can show you how to find answers so you can probably help yourself when the next thing confuses you.

If anyone feels confident enough with IT to join them as clinicians, contact either Richard or Andy.





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 Events happening weekly are only shown for
 the first month or so

VILLAGE DIARY

MONTH

MARCH

1	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
1	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
1	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
1	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
1	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
1	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
2	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
2	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
4	Sat	Rent a Crowd.....	Village Hall.....	t.b.a
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
6	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
6	Mon	Fitness Training(2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
6	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
7	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week.....		6.00am
7	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
7	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
8	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
8	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
8	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
8	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
8	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
8	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
8	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
9	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
9	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
10	Fri	Copy Date for April issue of USL Life.....		
11	Sat	Litter Picking Morning.....	Pavilion.....	9.30a.m.
11	Sat	Spring Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
13	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
13	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
13	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
13	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
14	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and garden waste for those with brown bins).....		6.00am
14	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
14	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
14	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
15	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
15	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
15	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
15	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
15	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
15	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
16	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
16	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
16	Thu	History Group - The Restoration of the Cotswold Canals.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
20	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
20	Mon	Fitness Training.....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
20	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
21	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week.....		6.00am
21	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
21	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
22	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
22	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
22	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
22	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.0-4.00p.m.
22	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30pm.
22	Wed	Bingo.....	Village Hall.....	8.00p.m.
22	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30pm.
23	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
23	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
23	Thu	Upstagers Murder Mystery Dinner.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.

24	Fri	Upstagers Murder Mystery Dinner.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
25	Sat	Upstagers Murder Mystery Dinner.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
26	Sun	Clocks Go Forward		
26	Sun	Mothering Sunday		
27	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-11.30a.m.
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
27	Mon	Fitness Training.....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Mon	USLife Team Meeting.....	Bowden Hall.....	7.00p.m.
27	Mon	USL Life AGM.....	Bowden Hall.....	7.45p.m.
27	Mon	USCAN AGM.....	Bowden Hall.....	8.30p.m.
28	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins).....		6.00a.m.
28	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
28	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
28	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
29	Wed	Phone / Computer Workshop(must be booked).....	Village Hall.....	9.30a.m.
29	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
29	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
29	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30a.m.
29	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
29	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
29	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
29	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
30	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
30	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line.....

.A P R I L

3	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
3	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
4	Tue	Lady Downe Charity		
8	Sat	Spring Quiz.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
10	Mon	Copy date for May issue of USL Life		
10	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
14	Fri	Good Friday		
16	Sun	Easter Sunday		
17	Mon	Easter Monday		
17	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
21	Fri	Upton WI Fashion Show.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
26	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
27	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.

M A Y

1	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
1	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
8	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
13	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
15	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
18	Thu	History Group - Mortuary Monuments inside a Church.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
20	Sat	Race Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
22	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
22	Mon	Lady Downe Charity		
24	Wed	Ladies Probus followed by lunch.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
25	Thu	Get Together Club Summer Lunch.....	Village Hall.....	12.30/1.00p.m.

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3. Who loaded the crossbows in "The Golden Shot"?
4. What type of beer was said "To Work Wonders"?
5. Who played Alf Garnett's daughter in BBC's "Till Death Us Do Part"?
6. Which show featured Dusty Bin?
7. Which sweet could you allegedly "Eat between meals without spoiling your appetite"?
8. What name did Trigger always call Rodney in "Only Fools and Horses"?
9. Which game show launched Channel 4 in 1982?
10. What drink was advertised by Leonard Rossiter and Joan Collins?
11. What was the name of the character played by Frances De La Tour in "Rising Damp"?
12. Who were the original Team Captains on TV's "A Question of Sport"?
13. Which sit-com featured a character called Lilo Lil?
14. "Can I have a P please Bob" would have been heard on which TV quiz show?
15. Which Carry-On actor starred in "Bless This House"?

When I looked at these questions I realised I was a man of the 70/80s! Editor

Answers will be published in April edition

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The Last Teddy Boy in The Village

I'm the last Teddy Boy in the Village,
But I don't wear the drapes any more,
'Cause people would think I was funny
If that's how I answered the door.

But I still like the rock'n'roll music,
Because that's all we had back then,
With Bill Haley and Elvis and Chuck Berry,
The Big Bopper singing remember when!

I used to have a DA hair style,
With dark locks tumbling over my brow,
But now it's gone grey and it's thinner,
I don't use Brylcream, not now.

My drapes are still up in the wardrobe,
A satin waistcoat and the old blue suede shoes,
I wore them last year to a party,
When the band played, singing the blues.

You may say that I am old fashioned,
But I say what the heck,
Old and grey I may be, baby,
But I ain't dead yet!



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