

Upton St Leonards Life

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THE GREAT FLOWER SHOW!

Wow! What a great day! Two and a half hours of fantastic exhibits to look at, side stalls, hot dogs, refreshments and Cotswold Big Band playing with style and quality. The weather was perfect, warm but not too hot, and everyone appeared to enjoy the experience. The main attraction will always be the exhibits in the marquee and Village Hall Annexe. The quality of these was outstanding, demonstrating that Gloucester's got talent. A TV show perhaps, covering local shows?



The Cotswold Big Band entertains the crowd



Ann Hemsley with just some of her awards

Ann Hemsley won a large array of awards including the main one for accumulating the most number of points but we are fortunate to have many other awards for more specific skills such as Soft Toy, Flower Arrangement and Photography. Local children's groups enter into the spirit and it was lovely to see their pictures, stories, models and runner beans! Judge for yourselves just how good and varied the exhibits were from the pictures shown here or on our Facebook page.

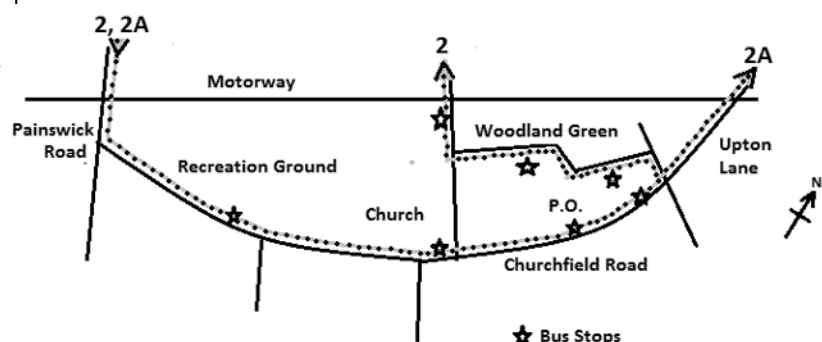
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Magnificent onions on display

BUS ROUTE CHANGED - AGAIN

The weird bus routes introduced in March, with each bus coming in and out of the village twice, were much disliked. In response to a number of requests, Stagecoach changed them again in September to something more rational. Both 2 and 2A now revert to the old No 5 route into the village via the Painswick Road. The 2 follows the old number 5 route out of the village, turning from Churchfield Road into Staites Orchard, Woodland Green and over the motorway via the Ash Path. The 2A doesn't go to Woodland Green, but stays on Upton Lane. So if you are coming home on the 2A remember to get off at the Post Office or you'll be back in Abbeymead!



My impression of the Flower show - by the editor

Before I got through the gates I could hear the band playing. What a great sound! Many of those I chatted to praised the music. Inside the display tent I was truly amazed at the quality of the flowers and flower arrangements, such a high standard to my eyes. I was surprised at the low number of entries in most of the vegetable classes.

I loved the "closed" children's competitions. For example, "My house on a map" - what a clever idea to set youngsters thinking.

There was a great mix of village people and plenty from outside. I am told the attendance was slightly up on last year, that is a good sign, but I'd have liked to have seen more there. At one stage the field was relatively sparsely populated, however a look in the Hall showed lots having tea and cakes! Many thanks to the organisers and helpers for putting on such a good and varied show. I hope increased publicity via USL Life will do the show well next year.

The Children's Society 2014 Box Collection

Rachel Ball writes: I am the coordinator for collection boxes for The Children's Society and every year I collect the full boxes and bank the money. This year the total collected was £452, a slight increase on last year. It is a wonderful achievement, and on Behalf of The Children's Society, I want to thank those who have contributed so generously to the work of the charity.

I would be delighted to recruit some new box holders, so if you are interested in having a box or knowing more about the charity's work, please contact me.

The Flower Show (... continued)

As you read this some 2 weeks after the Show make a note for next year (the Show is usually on the second Saturday in September). The Committee works throughout the year to make each Show happen and we are grateful to many others who help with refreshments, site preparation and dismantling, collating all the entries to list just a few tasks. The Show would also not be possible without generous sponsorship particularly from The Lady Downe Trust, support from the Parish Council and other individuals - thank you. Remember, the Show is run by volunteers and is non-profit making, so again, any help for next year will always be welcome. Contact Peter Macey.

Finally, and I will continue to make this plea in future articles, please support this Show by entering into some classes. There is such a variety to choose from, who could resist?! Get planting, sewing, snapping, painting, baking, pickling, arranging, knitting, crafting and whatever else you need to do to be a part of this fine tradition.

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Parish Council Report

SUMMARY NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Council is arranging a meeting with Gloucestershire County Council to discuss concerns about trees, hedges and shrubs encroaching onto pavements, restricting width and blocking signs from view.

A vacancy exists on the Council. If you are interested and require more information please contact the Clerk, Roy Balgobin on 621688.

The Chairman, Keith Pearson, sincerely thanked all those involved in the production of the USL Life Newsletter. It was a superb and professional publication, he said.

Police Report. PCSO Mortimer advised of the following incidents in the Village since the last meeting: Anti-social behaviour (motorcycle use off road), two domestic burglaries.

Parish Website. Cllr. Wilson reported that progress has been made on the upgrading of the Parish Website which is expected to go live towards the end of October 2014.

World War One Centenary. Following on from the remarkable memorial displays in August, Cllr. Roberts reported the projects including the War Memorial Restoration, Memorial

Plaques for the Church and a funding bid to the Heritage Lottery in the region of £4,000. The Chairman extended thanks Mike Stratford and Cllr. Roberts for the tremendous organisational work committed to providing an excellent and fitting World War One Centenary in the Village.

WWI Centenary Tree on the Village Green. The Council agreed in principle to remove the roots of the recently felled Cedar Tree and replace it with a semi mature tree that does not overpower the area. The Clerk will seek advice on cost and type of tree for consideration at the next meeting.

Allotment Windmill. The Council received correspondence from an allotment holder requesting retrospective permission to erect a windmill on his allotment. The Council, mindful of the allotment holders' tenancy agreement, deemed that the windmill is a structure and felt that it was unsightly and therefore agreed to refuse the request.

Recreation Ground Drainage. The Council agreed to a quote to lay an additional land drain by the practice goal mouth on the Recreation Ground, subject to seeking a professional view that the specifications detailed in the quotation are adequate.

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NEW CHURCHYARD GATE

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the very unusual turnstile gate into the churchyard from Churchfield Road has been replaced with a new, and very elegant one. The gate was originally put in place in 1919 in memory of Henry Isaac Tranter who was killed in action in WW1. It has been replaced a few times since. The newest version is a fine piece, displaying great craftsmanship - the work of village resident Roy Simpson.



Rev Christine and Roy Simpson at the new gate

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Parish Council Report continued ...

Recreation Ground/Pavilion. Cllr. Hunt updated the Council on recent works on the Recreation Ground which included the clearing of a large tree limb from the fenced area and the clearance of brambles and foliage from behind the football pitch.

Finally Cllr. Hunt thanked the Chairman for organizing and fitting the new sign on the entrance to the Pavilion Lounge.

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 20 October at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. All residents can attend and Public Questions can be raised between 7.30 and 7.45 pm.

Full copies of the Minutes of this and all meetings are available for inspection in the Parish Office in the Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursday between 9 and 11 am - Roy Balgobin, Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council discussed three planning applications at its September meeting:

S.14/1991/FUL: Portway Farm. New cattle food store.

Comment: Support.

S.14/1840/FUL: Land adjacent to Ongers Farm, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe. Removal of the proposed mounding to Southbound PFS canopy

Comment: Defer recommendation pending a meeting with the Lead Planning Officer.

S.14/1839/FUL: Land adjacent to Ongers Farm, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe. Extension and reconfiguration of the proposed southbound car park and caravan park layout.

Comment: Defer recommendation pending a meeting with the Lead Planning Officer.

Full details of these and all planning applications can be viewed at Stroud District Council Offices and are also available on-line at the District Council's web site.

The Local Police Team



PS Karen Horsley



PC Andy Plant



PCSO Khim Mortimer



PCSO Adam Poole

Your local Policing Team Officers are based at Hucclecote Police Station and can be contacted on 01452 753740.

As well as 999 (emergency) and 101 (non-emergency) phone numbers, there is an e-mail address for non-emergency matters: 101@gloucestershire.police.uk. Please ensure that your email includes your name, address, postcode, and a contact telephone number, as this will assist us in providing the best possible service.

You can also contact the police by post to Gloucestershire Constabulary, County Police Headquarters, Waterwells Drive, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 2AN.

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Adults – make your favourite pudding competition (Entries please by 5.30p.m.) for judging @ 6.00p.m. after which they will be sliced and offered for sale

Children's decorate a Christmas Bauble (50p per bauble- glue and glitter etc. provided)

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Adults Balloon Raffle

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UPTON ST LEONARDS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Following on from last month I can give more of an update of what has been happening in Upton St Leonards relating to police matters. Between 1st April and 8th September the public has been involved in contacting the Police on 95 occasions mostly passing on information or seeking information about their concerns. Of the crimes reported over the period there has only been 1 non-domestic burglary (3 cycles were stolen from a locked shed). There have been 6 vehicle related crimes, mainly theft from, but one instance of a car being stolen from a garage and there has also been a theft of fuel oil.

So Upton St Leonards is not exactly a crime hotspot and long may it remain as such. However you should remember that if you have any concerns about your family security or about other matters related to crime or disorder, please use the Police as they are a public service. In an emergency I am sure

we all know the right number to ring is 999. This is for instances where LIFE IS THREATENED or THERE IS A CRIME IN PROGRESS or A CRIME IS LIKELY TO OCCUR or SOMEONE IS INJURED.

For all other instances of contacting the Police there is a new simple number to remember 101. The call is charged at local rate and this should be used for informing the police or seeking information on non urgent matters. This number can also be used to ask for a local Officer or PCSO to call to see you to address your concerns face to face.

Please consider joining Neighbourhood Watch with a registered scheme and if you want more information please contact me.

Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares!

Alan Hardacre 01452 335253
alan.hardacre@gloucestershire.police.uk

NB - the email address was incorrect in last month's newsletter - sorry

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2014 - Help wanted

Can you help with door-to-door sales and at Morrisons?

Can you help by selling poppies door-to-door in the Village? Late October and early November.
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CRUCIBLE 2

At Gloucester Cathedral

Gloucester doesn't often have a world class exhibition, but Crucible 2 surely falls into that category. Where else can one see 100 works of sculpture brought together from 60 leading contemporary artists? The exhibition at the Cathedral opened in September and continues through October. Very well worth a visit.

Pets' Corner

As we head into Autumn, here's a few things to bear in mind...

Ticks have been really prevalent this year. There has been a lack of really effective long-lasting treatments but a completely new prescription product is now available, for dogs only at the moment, that treats fleas and ticks for at least 3 months just by giving a chewable tablet! Marvellous. If you don't know what Lyme's Disease is, then check it out. It affects dogs and people and can lead to a prolonged flu-like illness.

Keep vigilant for fly strike in rabbits mainly (but any old or infirm pet with a mucky bottom or wound). Fly blown refers to hatched maggots that disgustingly eat the flesh of the affected animal. This can lead to disastrous illness within a matter of hours so check at least once a day right up until late autumn.

Remember to consider treatments and strategies for pets that have noise phobias especially fireworks. There are various over the counter "calmers" but also prescription medicines that can significantly reduce the fear and anxiety associated with loud bangs. Early intervention makes a big difference to the outcome. Your vet practice has all the tools to keep your pets calmer this firework period. Leaving it until they are fearful rarely works as well as preventative treatment.

Harvest mites (tiny orange dots found between the fur) can cause great itchiness to cats and dogs mainly. The larval stages around at this time of year can be a real nuisance.

Dogs love fruit and in moderation is fine but did you know that grapes or similar in all forms (raisins, sultanas, currants) can be a significant kidney toxin? This is not dose-dependant, i.e. just a few can cause harm. So keep your grapes and fruit cake to yourself!

Cliff Alderman

USL LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Following the very interesting talk on Bristol Blue Glass last year our next meeting on Wednesday, the 29th October features Glass and Glass Blowing by Tony Osman, who is a local craftsman. I'm sure this will be as enjoyable and will show us how the wonderful exhibits we saw last year are produced. Our venue is, as usual, the BMI at 10.15 am for coffee.

Pam

Murder Mystery Night

at the B.M.I.

"An Italian Job"

**Set in a busy Italian restaurant
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**Saturday 25th October from
 7.30p.m.**

All profits on the night including a raffle will be donated to the BMI nominated charity for 2014 - Research into Alzheimers.

A murder has occurred in the restaurant - can you help Inspector I B Clueless solve the murder and apprehend the culprit(s)? Could the Mafia be involved, as they are frequent diners?

Tickets for BMI members and their guests are available from the Long Bar at a cost of £8.50 which includes a supper of freshly cooked pasta with a Bolognese sauce, garlic bread and salad.

(Tickets should be purchased before 15th October)

Please feel free to dress up in your favourite "Italian Costume" if you wish, and join in the fun.



Gardening Tips for Autumn

It's surprising how many people don't give their lawns any attention and a decent lawn gives a better overall impression of the garden. Grass after all is a plant and, if nurtured, pays dividends. You should now be mowing less, with the blades raised. The lawn needs scarifying or raking over to remove the moss and thatch to make room for the grass to grow. Next job is to aerate to relieve compaction and let the air, water and nutrients move through the soil. The lawn now needs a feed but make sure you use autumn fertilizer as the spring/summer fertilizers are high in nitrogen to produce a rich green lawn but as summer comes to an end, lawns need a different nutrient blend that is low in nitrogen but high in phosphate and potash to toughen up the roots ready for winter. You can then top dress with gritty sand or turf dressing, if needed.

This time of year is all about cutting down and tidying up, planting bulbs, and if you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, remove shading and a bit of scrubbing with hot water will bring the glass up sparkling clean. Check guttering for trapped leaves. Use a hot solution like Jeyes Fluid to disinfect the inside, but make sure you take out any plants and sweep the debris out first. Ventilate well over the next couple of days to dry it thoroughly.

Tiggy Sedge

Our Village Agent - Lou Kemp

Lou Kemp is the "Village Agent" for Upton St Leonards, and a number of neighbouring villages in this area including Painswick and as far as Bisley.

Lou is one of 38 Gloucestershire Village and Community Agents, funded by Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire, working in partnership with Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

Village and Community Agents work with the over 50s in Gloucestershire, providing easy access to a wide range of information that will enable them to make informed choices about their present and future needs. The aim is to help older people feel more independent, secure, and cared for, and to have a better quality of life.

Over 50? Do you need help with access to information on:

Social Care	Pensions and Benefits
Home safety	Social and Leisure Activities
Health issues	Volunteering
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Advocacy	

Village Agent Lou Kemp may be able to help. Contact her on 07776 245767. But please note that her role is part time so she might not be able to respond to your call immediately.

We will print articles from Lou, on her work, in future newsletters.

How to get fit and eat well

Why spend a fortune paying for Gym membership, when you can get fit, eat well and make friends for a lot less money. Upton St Leonards has two allotment sites within the village. One at Perry Orchard and the other on The Stanley. Each site has a good community atmosphere, holding get togethers in the summer months to help promote friendship and enable people to get to know each other. You also will get very good help and advice if you want it.

We have a list for potential allotment holders and priority is given to parishioners. Each site has an excellent volunteer manager who will be pleased to show round anyone interested in their site. Carol Evans manages the Perry Orchard site and Peter Macey the Stanley site. If you wish to know more, initially please contact Roy Balgoblin at the Parish Office in the Village Hall and he will be able to help.

Hilary Morris, Allotment Chairman, USL Parish Council

THE NEW MOTORWAY SERVICES



The motorway service area is proving to be a new must-visit local venue! It is very unusual, with grass covered buildings, no Costa or WHSmith etc., but clean, quiet (yes! Earth banks cut out the motorway noise) facilities selling local produce and crafts.

You don't even have to go on the motorway to get there - walkers and cyclists are encouraged, with accesses built in from the footpaths and bridle paths that go round the perimeter. From Sneedham's Green take the lane that goes right just before the motorway bridge. The first gate you come to into the site is marked "Staff Only", so keep going round the outside until you come to another purpose built access for the public.

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Upton St Leonards People

MIKE STRATFORD

Mike is one of those residents who seem to have been involved in all aspects of village life. He is motivated by serving people, as his many roles confirm. Name almost any committee and Mike's been on it!

A little history first, Mike and wife Pam have three children and four grandchildren. They relocated from Harrow with Andrew and Helen in July 1978 and Emily was born a year later. Pam was a Specialist Nurse Practitioner with a BSc (Hons) in Community Nursing and Mike worked at GCHQ. They remember how dark the village seemed at night compared with the city and felt awe-struck at the star-filled sky.



Children's activities brought about the Stratford family's involvement in the village and over the years they have supported many USL events. Mike served for 25 years as the 11th Gloucester Upton Pack

Assistant Cub Scout leader, later 1st Upton St. Leonards Cub Scouts, where he became Baloo.

Mike was a Parish Councillor and Chaired the Village Hall Committee for six years, during which time the Lady Downe Annex was built. He still organises social functions in the Village Hall via the Social Committee.

When Gloucester threatened to take over USL in the 1980's, he joined the fight to halt the takeover with USCAN, an organisation which now maintains the village environment.

Mike served on the Flower Show Committee for fifteen years come rain or shine and after retiring, helped Upton Primary School improve facilities during his five years as Governor. He facilitates the church-funded 'Open the Book' events by re-enacting Bible stories with a tea-towel on his head.

History has been Mike's passion since winning a school exam prize. In 2000 he helped to organise an end of the century exhibition from which grew the Upton History Group and in August 2014 he organised an amazing exhibition to commemorate the village's involvement in the First World War. Perhaps the old adage is true - if you want anything doing, ask a busy person.

His is a member of Upton PROBUS, an organisation for retired men and women, which continues to flourish in the village. TV fame was secured by pushing the button when the National Lottery came to USL in 1995. He still has a copy of his performance and we'd love to see it some time!

Mike firmly believes that the future of Upton is in the hands of its residents and would encourage them to participate in village life, either by attending events, joining in the many societies or volunteering for service. 'Perhaps it is my Scout promise to help other people', he says, 'but I believe in a community where people help each other. I hope this does not become old-fashioned'. We agree Mike and thank you for your many years of humble service.

Oh, and as for hidden talents? He can walk on stilts - now, that we do have to see!

Interview by Kathryn Alderman

How well do you know your village? Try your hand with some questions. Answers on page 19.

1. Can you link the family names with houses in Upton St Leonards. The list below is jumbled up:

Names: Ancrum, Snell, Brooke Hunt, Percival, Ackers

Houses: Prinknash, Bowden Hall, Kimsbury House, St Leonards Court, Whitley Court

2. There is a house in High Street called Quercus Cottage, named after a nearby feature. What is that?
3. Which international conservation agency owns part of the woods at the top of Portway (the agency's only reserve in the UK)?
4. Where did the cricket club play its home games while the motorway was being built, the Rec being unusable?
5. In the 1960-70 development in the Village a block of 4 shops was built. The shops soon failed for lack of custom and were converted into flats by 1980. Where?

Village Quiz

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CHURCH NEWS for the Parish Church, Upton St Leonards

The Priest-in-Charge, Rev Christine Birkett writes ...

Dear Friends

As I write this letter, we are enjoying some wonderful early autumnal weather and I have been able to enjoy chatting with some lovely folk in their gardens as they have been weeding and pruning.

I am sure you will have noticed the ongoing transformation of the churchyard recently as various individuals and work parties including USCAN, have been laboriously clearing away overgrowth. Others have also been working hard inside the church as we have been preparing for our 'Quinquennial Inspection' which is very much overdue. It is always a delight to see transformation but it is only achieved by effort. So I should like to say a big thank you to Jenny our churchwarden and everyone for giving up their time and energy to make this happen. You are very much valued and appreciated.

By the time I next write, the architectural surveyor should have given us his verdict and we will be able to begin planning for the inevitable repairs and the perpetual maintenance that an ancient church building like Upton St Leonards demands.

This month we celebrate the goodness of God in providing for our needs in the form of the food we have to eat. We can also think of those through whom God works to actually grow and harvest our food. Jesus often refers to the people who do the donkey work, the sower in the field, the farmer who stores in barns, the men who sort out the wheat from the tares, the labourers in the vineyard.

These days, however, such people are often overlooked or forgotten, especially if they are far away. We are very happy to find the fruits of their labours on our plates, the bananas or rice or chocolate or coffee or tea, but we seldom acknowledge those who produce this nutritious food. This is not God's way. He is a God of justice and fairness and he calls his people to a similar pattern of life.



At harvest time, therefore, we are called to be thankful. Thankful to God, yes, certainly but also thankful also to those children of God who work tirelessly so that we might be nourished with such a selection of delicious fare in the more prosperous parts of the world. But thankfulness is empty unless we give it substance. Therefore Christians and others work hard trying to overcome the inequalities which exist in our world and also enable a fairer deal for poor farm workers. This can be done partly by financial giving through organisations like Christian Aid and Oxfam but it's also good to support fair trade. Poor farmers need the opportunity to sell their produce at a fair price and not one that keeps them in poverty.

Please take some time out to enjoy this wonderful time of year when we can savour our beautiful environment, ponder on mellow mists and fruitfulness and give thanks to God our creator. With every blessing and prayer,

Christine.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION

The most iconic building in Upton St Leonards is St Leonards Church which was started in the 12th century to conduct Christian Church services. Unless the building is properly maintained it will be condemned and unusable.

The process to maintain this building, which we are required to follow, is to employ a qualified and registered Architect, at our own cost, every five years to conduct a survey of the church and churchyard and identify any cases of deterioration. This is called The Quinquennial Inspection.

It is then our responsibility to rectify all deficiencies reported.

Unfortunately this work has been allowed to lapse and we have a long list of outstanding tasks identified from previous QIs and another survey this year, which will certainly identify more work.

To overcome this situation Rev Christine initiated funding with an appeal, a few months ago and the response was overwhelming, over £7500 was donated. Also a dedicated team of volunteers has been created to conduct or organise the various tasks.

Work already completed

- All churchyard gates have been repainted
- Ivy has been removed from the church wall
- The vestry has been redecorated

Work in hand

- An approved contractor has conducted an electrical installation survey and will correct the many deficiencies identified.
- Doors to the belfry are being repaired
- Ivy is being removed from gravestones and outside monuments
- An approved architect is being commissioned to conduct the next QI.

The funding raised is sufficient to cover the above tasks but there are many more and all donations to the separate Quinquennial Fund will be greatly appreciated and should be sent for the attention of Rev Christine.

We propose to include a regular report in this village newsletter so that all of the village can be advised of our progress.

Meet the Church Team - this month Rev Christine

Christine was born in Sipson, Middlesex. Her father was a soldier so she became quite accustomed to travelling and went to 13 schools in Singapore, Germany and England. At 18 she enlisted and served with Army Medical Services as a medical clerk and medical assistant. She then married a soldier and had three boys.



During the late eighties and early nineties Christine served as a missionary with Youth With A Mission, working alongside a parish church in Southwark Diocese and a Christian Community School with families. She was eventually led back to a Military Hospital, in Woolwich as chaplains' assistant. It was there during the Gulf War that she first sensed a call to ordained ministry and began her discernment process. She studied Practical Theology at Cardiff University and worked in the community with families and young children in Cardiff and Newport.

Her ministerial training was completed at Trinity College Bristol and she was ordained deacon in Gloucester Cathedral in 2008. She then served as a curate, first in Berkeley and then Cainscross in Stroud. She then became an associate minister with churches in Rodborough, Selsley and The Stanleys before coming to Upton St Leonards last year.

COMMUNITY FAYRE

We would like to thank Tesco at St Oswald's for letting us have a pitch at their community fayre on Sunday 7th September. We raised £125 with our bric-a-brac and tombola stall. It was a glorious day and we enjoyed being out in the sunshine.

I would like to thank Carol and John Baker for supporting me on the day, and anyone who kindly donated items to help us to raise funds.

If anyone would like to join the fundraising committee please contact me.

We meet monthly and would welcome any new ideas that you may have. Come along to one of our meetings, everyone is welcome. Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 15th at 7.30 in the village hall.

Kind Regards,

Chris Mitchell

COFFEE & CHAT

This is an informal get-together which is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in St. Leonard's Church from 10.15am - 11.30am

The next one is on 1st October

We intend to send any money that is donated to a charity - which will be decided by the people attending.

Please support this event and help people less fortunate than ourselves.

At the September Coffee & Chat, we raised £15, which has been sent to Global Care New Hope Children's Home to enable them to build a rice mill, which will cost £3,500, thus enabling them to use their crops.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the card we received, signed by many of you, wishing us every blessing in our new home at Whitchurch, Cardiff. It was greatly appreciated.

We do thank God that we were members of God's family in Upton St. Leonards for a number of years. Your friendship and your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a real encouragement. We have settled happily into our new bungalow, within walking distance to where Rebecca lives with her two daughters, Elwyn and Rowena. Sadly, her condition changes little, consequently we have valued so much your prayers for her. Her Church, St. Mark's, has made us very welcome.

We will continue to pray for you and Christine as you go forward to face new challenges to build up the Church - the signs are encouraging! With our best wishes and love in Jesus,

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THE ARCHDEACON OF GLOUCESTER, THE VENERABLE JACKIE SEARLE, ON VOLUNTEERS

Some years ago I left my vicarage by taxi to go to the station to attend the four-day meeting of the Church of England's General Synod in London.

'Where are you off to?' asked the taxi driver. I explained as well as I could, and he followed up with the comment, 'I expect you get paid more for doing that?' 'Oh no,' I said. 'I do it for love!' He looked surprised: 'I didn't think anyone did anything for love anymore.'

He should come and look at the church. Church is full of people who do things for love. 'Love your neighbour as yourself' is the golden rule, and many people put this into practice in a myriad of ways. They set up lunch clubs for the elderly; they run toddler groups; they litter pick on Saturday mornings. They sing, act, bake, visit, run youth groups, organise food banks, support local charities, care for the sick... the list is endless.

I don't think of what Christians do as volunteering, more as loving God and neighbour; actions that flow out of our calling in Christ and our desire to serve him and one another. Of course, Christians don't have the monopoly on this but more people do unpaid work for church organisations than any other organisation in the UK and a quarter of regular churchgoers are involved in voluntary community service outside the church.

Churchgoers overall contribute 23.2 million hours voluntary service each month in their local communities outside the church. That's something to celebrate, and whether you think of it as 'volunteering', or as 'doing this for love', I'd like to say a big 'THANK YOU'.

HELPING THE CHURCH HELP OTHERS

Churches across the Diocese of Gloucester have strong involvements with their surrounding communities. They range from helping rebuild broken lives to protecting the vulnerable.

But running these schemes needs money and it is only through generous donations that they are able to keep running. Through people's generosity, the Church is able to help more than 600,000 people who live throughout our 325 parishes.

Churches want to journey with their community together. Often they are the only public building in the community, bringing people together in times of joy and sorrow, to celebrate and remember.

This is the Church's way of expressing God's love for the entire community which it serves. It is the generous giving of those

who value and support the Churches work which underpins all its work.

More than 60 percent of the Church of England's total income comes from individual regular giving. At a parish level, this can account for up to 85 percent of their income.

In this diocese we take the subject of giving seriously and have lots of advice and guidance for those who wish to donate to support their Church.

If you wish to support your Parish Church through a regular gift there are several ways you can do this. Talk to your vicar, parish treasurer, Gift Aid officer or churchwarden. These officers are best contacted through your parish church, but if you have difficulty in locating their information, please email giving@glosdioc.org.uk for further assistance.

ALL SAINTS' ACADEMY STUDENT HANNAH WHELAN, REFLECTS ON HER TRIP TO TANZANIA.

In July 2014 I was one of 21 students and staff from All Saints' Academy who was lucky enough to visit Kasulu in Western Tanzania on mission to help build Bishop Makaya Secondary School, visit local schools, towns and teach English. We were extremely humbled by the extraordinary greetings and generosity we received from the moment we touched down at Kasulu airport, to every school, church visit or meeting with local people, until the day we left.

We lived with 21 students and staff from a range of schools in the local area, who were exceptionally generous and patient at helping us feel welcome and settled with local cultures and ways of life; from meals, schools and church services. We were invited to the largest church in Kasulu where we were introduced to the local people. We also enjoyed a spectacular lunch they had provided for us. Even though many of the locals had very limited or no English, this didn't matter, as they still treated us like their friends / family.

Kasulu, Tanzania is a very special and spiritual place that will always have a space in our hearts. It was a life changing trip, which I wouldn't have been on if it wasn't for the Diocese of Gloucester, Western Tanzania and in particular, Staff at ASA for organising and Helen Sammon for the support. I feel like we have made friends that will last forever, and it is something that I will never forget.

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CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

WED 1st	9.00am - USL Infants Harvest Service 10.30am - Coffee and Chat in Church 2.00 pm - Chipmunks Harvest Service
THU 2nd	9.00am - USL Juniors Harvest Service
SUN 5th	HARVEST 8.00am - Holy Communion 4.00pm - Harvest Tea in Church 6.00pm - Harvest Service
THU 9th	2.00pm - Holy Communion in Church hosted by the Mothers Union. Everyone is very welcome
SUN 12th	SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY 8.00am - Holy Communion 11.00am - Communion4All 6.00pm - Holy Communion
WED 15th	7.30pm - Fundraising meeting in Village Hall
THU 16th	2.00pm - Mothers Union meeting in Church Speaker - Sister Catherine - 'My Story' part 2.
SUN 19th	EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY 8.00am - Holy Communion 11.00am - Communion4All 6.00pm - Evening Service
SUN 26th	NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY 8.00am - Holy Communion 11.00am - Communion4All 6.00pm - Evening Service

Who's Who at the Parish Church

Priest in Charge:

Reverend Christine Birkett
The Rectory, 12 Bondend Road, GL4 8AG.

Churchwardens:

1 Jenny Cunningham
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:

Jenny Cunningham

Church Flower Rota:

Evelyn Rumsey

Electoral Roll Officer:

Naomi Stanley-Gunn

Fundraising Committee & Church News Rep:

Chris Mitchell



Tower Floodlighting

On Saturday 4th October the Tower is lit in memory of Richard Stewart on what would have been his birthday. Kindly being sponsored by Margaret, Jim and Libby.

On Saturday 4th October the Tower Lights are lit in celebration of the 13th birthday of Megan Gibbs and also the birthday of her father Matthew. Kindly

sponsored by Zoe Gibbs and family.

The Tower Lights are kindly being sponsored by Sally Holt on Tuesday 7th October in loving memory of her late husband, Bill Holt, who died one year ago.

On Sunday October 12th 2014, the Tower will be lit in memory of Denis Devereux. He lived in Upton for 39 happy years with Nan, Jane, and Richard. He will always be loved, remembered, and missed by his all family, Nan, Jane (and Barry) Richard (and Yvonne), and his grandchildren Robert, (and Hanika), George, Sarah, Alice and Zoe.

On Friday, 17th October, the tower lights are being sponsored by Ruth Edgington and family in loving memory of Michael William Edgington who passed away on this day, 8 years ago.

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

There is no set amount for this, just what you would like to gift to the Church in order to help cover running costs. If you are able to gift aid any donation this will help us too.

Kids' Page

As we said in the last issue, we need a good name, logo and layout for this page. There will be a £10 prize for best name with logo and another £10 for best sample page*. Entrants must be under 13 and entries need to be e-mailed to us or put in the postbox on the wall outside the Village Hall door. Closing date for the competition is 31 October.

ANIMALS!

Animal Jokes:

Why do bees hum? Because they don't know the words.

Why did the man throw the butter out the window? Because he wanted to see butterfly.

How do porcupines kiss each other? Very carefully.

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fish.

Where do cows go with their friends? The mooovies!

What do you call a fly without wings? A walk.

ANIMAL WORD SEARCH

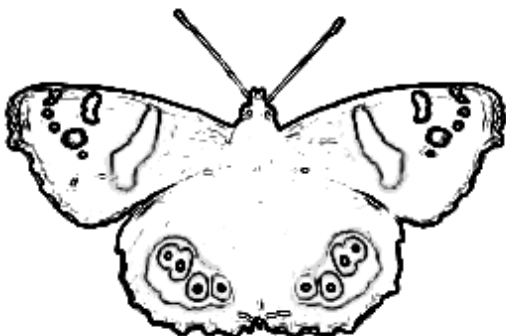
ALLIGATOR	BEE	BIRD
CAT	COW	CROCODILE
DOG	DOLPHIN	DONKEY
DUCK	ELEPHANT	FROG
GIRAFFE	GORILLA	LION
MONKEY	MOUSE	RABBIT
RAT	TIGER	

Only black & white (OK - grey as well!)

* Make up some text and pictures to put in it, or simply use what is on this page.

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The drawing below is a butterfly - you knew that! But someone has taken away its beautiful colours. It is a quite common butterfly called a Red Admiral. There's a clue to some of its colour in its name! How about putting the colours back in with crayons? You could look it up on the Internet (ask a parent) or in a book, or find one in the garden, to get the colours right. Or just colour it how you think it might be!



Hippos are found in Africa (and zoos and safari parks!). The name hippopotamus means 'river horse' and is often shortened to hippo.

Hippos spend a large amount of time in water such as rivers, lakes and swamps. Resting in water helps keep their temperature down. Baby hippos are born in the water.

Although hippos might look a little chubby, they can easily outrun a human.

Hippos can be extremely aggressive, especially if they feel threatened. They are regarded as one of the most dangerous animals in Africa.

Hippos are threatened by habitat loss and poachers who hunt them for their meat and teeth.

A male hippopotamus is called a bull. A female hippo is called a cow. A baby hippo is called a calf.

Hippos typically live for around 45 years.

Hippos eat mostly grass.

There is a hippo and calf outside Gloucester Cathedral now! Have you seen them?

Victorian benefactor still benefits Village!

Upton St Leonards' residents can apply for financial assistance from a charity originating from the 1800's! At that time a certain Lady Downe came as a guest to stay with the Brooke Hunt family who lived at Bowden Hall. She was a wealthy widow who occupied herself with 'good works'. She replaced the small village school with a substantial school building close to the church (this is now a day nursery but was used as a school until 1995). Lady Downe also bought land locally and set up various small charities for the benefit of the poor. She showed interest in the life of the school children and would arrive at the school in her pony and trap, stabling them in the wooden shed in the school yard! When Lady Downe died in 1867 she was buried in the churchyard at Upton.

Over the years following, the charities contributed to village and school life, for example the little girls at the school were provided with red flannel aprons, and the poor of the village received a bag of coal each winter.

In 1982 the charities benefited greatly when the land was sold for development. It was agreed that the Charity Commission should be approached to set up 'The Lady Downe Charity' to provide a scheme respecting the original wishes of its benefactor for the inhabitants of the old Parish of Upton St Leonards as of 1966 (which included parts of Abbeymead, Abbeydale and Cooper's Edge). This does mean that the Charity is restricted to helping those who live in the Parish,

and have been resident for at least one year, or those who have lived previously in the Parish for at least a period of ten years and have moved away, though still have close connections locally.

Since 1982 the Charity has been able to offer financial assistance to local residents who are most in need in a variety of ways, as the Charity's Scheme operates for the relief of need, hardship or distress. The local village school is a major beneficiary of the Charity. Other local schools, clubs and organisations such as Scouts and Raleigh International have also benefited and young people between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five can apply for educational or training awards.

Times are very different now from the days of the Victorian Lady, whose concerns for the education of local children and her support of the needy, led to the establishment of the Lady Downe's Charitable Trust. Her generosity one hundred and fifty years ago is still influential in the life of Upton St Leonards today.

Further information is available from the Clerk of the Trustees, preferably in writing to her address: Mrs E J McGrory, The Coach House, Well Close, Cooper's Hill, Glos, GL3 4RZ. Her telephone number is 01452 864873, email address is clerk@ladydowne.org Details of how to apply and an application form can be found on the website www.ladydowne.org

All applications are dealt with in total confidence.

Article written by Kaye Redman

It is a very appropriate time to say once again that young people from the Village going on to further education or training are eligible for an award from the Lady Downe Trust towards the initial costs of books or equipment.

Village Organisations

In the September Issue we started a series of small articles about some of the large number of organisations in the Village. As space allows we will continue with this.

UPTON ST LEONARDS WI

Upton St Leonards WI meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.30 p.m. The evening starts with WI news - events that are taking place within the next few weeks and reports on those that have happened recently. We then have a speaker with talks on a wide variety of subjects. After the speaker has finished it is social time when members have a cup of tea or coffee, buy from the bring and buy table, sign up to the various activities available and chat to friends. At the end of the evening the raffle is drawn. Visitors are very welcome to join us at our next meeting. We would love to meet you. Our AGM is in November and our speaker will be Lizzie Ellis from the Donkey Sanctuary, while in December entertainment will be provided by The Wide Valley Singers.

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The Upstagers - 10 Years On

It all started with the "Save our Stage" campaign in the village, when there was a move to

replace the stage in the hall with extra storage space. Someone said "well we've saved it now we better use it". The UpStagers Drama Group was formed: and boy have we used it. We have performed plays, comedies, farces and mysteries; there have been pantomimes, old time music hall and a murder mystery evening, more than twenty five productions in 10 years, this being our tenth anniversary year. We've done our best to entertain the folks of Upton and beyond and hopefully will carry on doing so for years to come: we've even won some awards along the way. We are always looking for new

members to act, or just help with behind the scenes work. We meet every Wednesday at Upton Village Hall at 7-30pm, so come along if you have a talent to offer. Recommend us to your friends.

Our next production is "A Variety Show" at the end of November. See our ad on the back page. So if you haven't been before, give us a try.

USL Sports Reports

CRICKET

There was a very successful 6-a-side tournament held at the club at the end of August with teams from Painswick and Highnam joining Upton Cricketers. Upton won, and over £400 was raised for club funds. The presentation night was held on 14th September. The club will be running an indoor team this winter to keep skills sharp.

TUG - O - WAR

The Army Cadet Force teams that practice at the Rec continue to win prizes. Their girls team represented England in a UK tournament and won that. The picture shows the Gloucester ACF girls pulling at an international tournament in August.



BMI Summer Skittles Competition

On Sunday 7th September, the BMI Summer Skittles final was held. This is a friendly competition run during the summer months for members. The final itself made for an exciting evening with the legs evenly matched between both teams, The Seven and Scotties Lot. It was only on the last leg of the match that the game was won by Scotties Lot with the last player, Lisa Robins, getting a spare of 13. The final scores being 334-332.

Lisa also won the highest score for the ladies, 73, which was also higher than the leading men's score of 68.

The picture is of Scotties Lot, with Lisa in the centre.

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Clubs, Societies and Organisations - Contacts

In setting up this newsletter we collected a large list of clubs, societies and organisations. Some of them have sent in reports, some of them appear in the Village Diary. We thought it might be useful to publish contact details for them, with a warning that the detail we have shown here could be out of date or simply wrong.

Group	Name	Group	Name
Abbeydale Gardening Club	Maggie Theakston	Petanque	Jane Arnold
Badminton	Tony Sharp	Pilates	Robert Sharpe
Beavers	L Atkinson	Playgroup	Debbie Hardy
Brownies	Beth Gill	Probus Ladies	Pam Tickner
Cricket Club	Andy Russell	Probus Tuesday	Brian Clarke
Cubs	R Trott	Probus Wednesday	Jeremy Dancey
Drawing & Painting	Ros Hellon	Rabbit Club	Rose Vye
Explorers	Chris Patterson	Rainbows	Paula Axten
Fitness Classes	Deborah Locke	Scouts	Paul Emmett
Flower Show	Peter Macey	Tai Chi (Pavilion)	Christina Caldwell
Football	Jeff Willerton	Tai Chi (Village Hall)	Toni Pennels
Get Together Club	Pam Tickner	Tennis	Maureen Snell
Guides	Rachel Willerton	Upstagers	Ann Pearson
History Group	Mike Stratford	WI Twyver	Myra Williams
Little Mouslings	Beth Gill	WI Upton	Linda Cook
Mothers Union	Rachel Hall	Yoga (Pavilion)	Sylvia Bennett
Needles & Pins	Lesley Greysmark	Yoga (Village Hall)	Jan Walters
Pavilion Painters	Jill Fleming	Zumba	Regina Spence

Please let us know if there are errors or omissions in the list. We are extremely grateful to Anne Matthias for assembling the list and making initial contact with many of the organisations shown. Anne has now resigned from our team - we need a replacement! If you'd like to take on this role, let us know.

Village Organisations continued ...

PLAYGROUP

Upton Saint Leonards Playgroup is open to children from two years up to school entry. The Playgroup is held at the Village Hall, which is bright, spacious and centrally heated. There are special toilet facilities for children, a kitchen for cookery and preparation of food, and a fenced outside play area which has recently been improved with a lovely new shelter, kindly paid for by our hardworking fund raisers. Our children now have the freedom to use the outside area in all weathers. We have a large range of play equipment which is constantly updated and added to, drawing on the children's interests and requests. Contact Debbie Hardy.

LITTLE MOUSLINGS

We are a friendly group and welcome parents with little ones from birth up to two and half. Our sessions are always planned to ensure everyone has an enjoyable time, with lots of lovely toys and activities to keep everyone amused. We offer a drink (and biscuits!) for mums and healthy snacks for children. Every week we have a different craft for the parents and children to have a go at, and our sessions always finish with song-time which is enjoyed by young and old! We open Wednesday mornings, term time only between 9.45-11.45 in the Annexe at the Village Hall. Contact Beth Gill.



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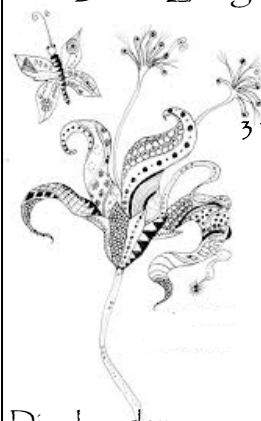
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VILLAGE DIARY

OCTOBER

1	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30am
1	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00pm
1	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8pm
1	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m
1	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
2	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15am
2	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
2	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
2	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
3	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45pm
3	Fri	Tai Chi.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-11.00a.m.
5	Sun	Gnome Hunt.....	Village Hall.....	from 1.30
6	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
6	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
7	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
7	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
8	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30am
8	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
8	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00pm
8	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8pm
8	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m
8	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
9	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15am
9	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
9	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
9	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
10	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45pm
10	Fri	Tai Chi.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-11.00a.m.
10	Fri	Copy date for November issue of USL Life		
11	Sat	B.M.I. Outing to the Chepstow Races (sign up sheet in the club).....		dep. BMI at 11a.m.
13	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
13	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
13	Mon	Twyver WI - Hilarious Hats - Alexandra Stanbrook.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00pm
14	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30pm
14	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
14	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
15	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30am
15	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00pm
15	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8pm
15	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m
15	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
16	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
16	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15am
16	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
16	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00pm
17	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45pm
17	Fri	Tai Chi.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-11.00a.m.
20	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30am
20	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeyle Gardening Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m
21	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
21	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30pm
22	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30am
22	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
22	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00pm
22	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8pm
22	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m
22	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
23	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15am
23	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
23	Thu	Painting & Drawing.....	Village Hall Annex.....	7.00-9.00pm
23	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
24	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45pm
24	Fri	Tai Chi.....	Pavilion.....	9.30 11.00a.m.
25	Sat	Murder Mystery Night.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-11.30am
27	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.15-10.00p.m.

28	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
28	Tue	Zumba Gold.....	Village Hall.....	10.00-10.45a.m.
28	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30pm
29	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
29	Wed	Upton St Leonards Ladies Probus -.....	B.M.I.....	10.15a.m.
		Glass and Glass Blowing - Tony Osman (a local craftsman)		
29	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00pm
29	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8pm
29	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m
30	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15am
30	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
30	Thu	Zumba.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-8.30p.m.
31	Fri	Yoga.....	Pavilion.....	1.15-2.45pm
31	Fri	Tai Chi.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-11.00a.m.

NOVEMBER

(Regular weekly events are not shown below this point)

1	Sat	Event in support of the BBC "Children In Need".....	B.M.I.....	12.30p.m.
2	Sun	Gloucester Rabbit Club.....	Village Hall.....	10.30a.m.
5	Wed	Bonfire and Fireworks.....	Village Hall.....	5.30p.m.
10	Mon	Twyver WI - Annual Meeting - Wine and Cheese -	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
		Christmas Cooking Demonstration, Ideas for Christmas - Diane Gaskins		
10	Mon	Copy date for December issue of USL Life		
17	Mon	Abbeylea Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
20	Thu	History Group - Roman Gloucester.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.00p.m.
24	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00pm
26	Wed	Upton St Leonards Ladies Probus - Theatre Visit tba		
27	Thu	Get Together Club - Christmas Songs.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	2.30p.m.
27	Thu	The Upstagers Variety Show.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
28	Fri	The Upstagers Variety Show.....	Village Hall.....	7.30p.m.
29	Sat	The Upstagers Variety Show.....	Village Hall.....	7.30.p.m.

DECEMBER

1	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-10.00p.m.
6	Sat	Senior Club Members Christmas Lunch.....	B.M.I.....	12.30p.m.
6	Sat	Big Band.....	Village Hall.....	tba
8	Mon	Get Together Christmas Lunch.....	B.M.I.....	tba
8	Mon	Twyver WI - Mulled Wine and Mince Pies -	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
		Christmas Celebrations - Twyver Choir		
10	Wed	Copy date for January Issue of USL Life		
20	Sat	Christmas Draw and Carols.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.
24	Wed	Christmas Eve Entertainment Night.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
31	Wed	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY NIGHT.....	B.M.I.....	7.30p.m.

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Personal Column

Kathleen Chave. It is sad to report the death, early in September, of Kathleen Chave. Kathleen, and her husband David, were both workers at the Land Registry in London and Tunbridge Wells. They moved to Upton in 1974 when David's job moved to the office in Gloucester. From her early twenties Kathleen was a keen WI member and was twice President of the Twyver WI. She also served for a long time on the Church's Council and the Flower Show committee. Being a keen dressmaker, she was a founder member of the "stitchers" group doing embroidery for the church. Kathleen will be much missed by her family, friends and the Village.

Village Organisations continued ...

UPTON ST LEONARDS VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

The History Group was formed in 2000 and is still going strong and meets six times a year in the Village Hall. The current subscription is five pounds a year and the year starts in September. Meetings coming up will feature "Roman Gloucester", "Ancient Musical Instruments" and "Tudor Gloucester". We also have an annual outing - this year's was to Salisbury and Wilton House. New members are always welcome at any of our meetings. Contact Mike Stratford.

There is a list of contacts for Village Organisations on page 16.

THE PAVILION PAINTERS

We are a small friendly group of amateur painters of various abilities who use different mediums. We meet on Wednesdays from 2 till 4 pm to paint in the Pavilion lounge. There are a few vacancies if anyone would like to join us. (Please note, there is no teacher). If you are interested please ring Jill or Sylvia for further information.

GET TOGETHER CLUB

The Get Together Club meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm and provides a variety of speakers and an afternoon tea for members. An annual outing takes place in May (this year's trip was to Evesham Country Park which was very popular) and a Christmas Lunch in December. Members pay an annual subscription, plus a small charge each month for the afternoon tea. The Club is run by a volunteer committee and is well supported with a full membership and can only offer any vacancies to residents of Upton St Leonards.

The August Bingo and Cream Tea was a great success, with a choice of scones, cup cakes and cream sponge for a change.

Our next meeting on Thursday, October 30th is our Pie and Peas lunch, which is always well attended and greatly enjoyed. Please be at the hall by 12.45 pm for lunch at 1 pm.

Pam

ANSWERS to the Quiz on p8

1. Ancrum - St Leonards Court, Snell - Whitley Court, Brooke Hunt - Bowden Hall, Percival - Kimsbury House, Ackers - Prinknash.
2. Quercus is Latin for Oak Tree, and there is a magnificent specimen opposite the house.
3. The World Land Trust owns the Kites Hill nature reserve at the top of Portway.
4. The Cricket Club played in the Grounds of Coney Hill Hospital, in the open area in front of the Clock Tower, for the 1969-73 seasons.
5. Perry Orchard Nos 5, 7, 9 and 11 were shops initially, hence the parking area still there.



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