

Upton St Leonards Life

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September 2017



Upton St Leonards Show

Saturday 9 September 2017

Village Hall Grounds

2.00 to 4.30pm

Admission at the gate is £2 for adults and
no charge for children

See Page 5 for further details



Happy 3rd Birthday to USL Life!



Well each year we celebrate another USL Life anniversary and cannot believe where the time has gone! And now we are at number 3!

Its really great to be working with 50 volunteers who are committed to running the company and producing/delivering this newsletter each month.

I thank everyone in our team for their past and ongoing hard work, patience and good humour.

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Peter Wilson, Chairman



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Comment from Editor

I wanted to add my congratulations to Marilyn, Millie, Michael, Mandy and Alec for the great work they have done in creating and sustaining what has been a really successful social event in our village.

Since it started on 1 August 2016, an average of over 40 people have come together every Monday to enjoy a simple, enjoyable social get together and that is great to see - particularly for people who live on their own.

The members have also supported several fund raising events including one for this newsletter and their support on that occasion was greatly appreciated.

Well done to you all - long may it continue!



USL Coffee Club

What's Been Happening?

Upton St. Leonards WI Meeting

7th August, 2017

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting, including 4 visitors. Jerusalem was sung. Birthday cards were given out. There wasn't a newsletter this month but members were reminded of some items from last month. Members were encouraged to attend the Autumn County Meeting at Pittville Pump Rooms. The speaker is Heather Jacks winner of the great Sewing Bee in 2014. The evening is open to non-members. Jill gave a report on the luncheon at The House in the Tree which was very enjoyable. We won our skittles match against Ampney Crucis. We will be playing Castle Tump on 21st August. Members were reminded of our class at the September show which is a decorated shoe box containing tinned or dried food, toiletries and socks for the homeless. Judy then gave us details of Samaritan's Purse. Our speaker Mandy, from Clarins, was introduced. She gave some of the history of Clarins and then did a Make-up Demonstration. She explained what was in everything she used. Our next meeting is a trip to Quedgeley Fire Station, Shepherd Road, where we will be shown around. We welcome visitors and as you can see there is plenty going on so please come along. It's always the first Monday in the month.

Diane Thomas

Twyver WI Report

Twyver WI – August walk

As Twyver WI does not have a meeting in August, members were invited to take part in a two mile walk around the village on Monday 14th August. A small group took to their waterproofs and started off in spitting rain. However, the rain petered out and members were able to enjoy a very pleasant evening walk. They were rewarded for their efforts by a very enjoyable meal at the Kings Head.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th September in the village hall at 7.30pm when there will be a No.7 cosmetics demonstration. This should be a very enjoyable evening and we would be very pleased to see any visitors who would like to come along.

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What's Been Happening?

Pig Roast at the BMI - Saturday 12 August

Well, after the miserable weather experienced in the week leading up to this day, the sun shone on all the lovely people who came to this annual event.

The popularity of the Pig Roast was evident when all the tables were occupied well before 7pm.



Due to the large number of people who attended, it was a pity that the Pig ran out but this was beyond the control of the Organising Committee as normally catering is geared to 200 people and more than 300 came!

Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen on the day and to the caterers, Creese The Butchers, who did a great job.

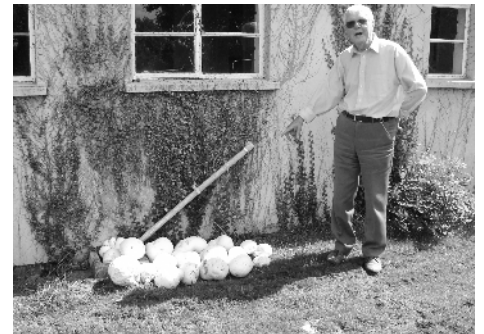
Aliens Invade Church Car Park!



When Trevor Hall went to mow the grass recently in the Church Car Park, he couldn't believe his eyes. Giant white balls had grown on the grass!

They are actually called Calvatia Gigantea and are more commonly known as Giant Puffballs which can grow up to two feet in diameter.

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What's Been Happening?

BMI Summer Skittles - Final Night at the BMI

Friday 11th August saw the final of the BMI Summer Skittles Competition at the BMI. The two teams competing for the "Knuckles Cup" were Sarah's Gang (2016 winners) and Sally's Gang.

The game was fairly even throughout the 8 legs, and both teams will agree that their scores weren't the best of the competition. However, they well and truly deserved to be in the final as they had had consistently high scores throughout the seven weeks. The result of the game was not actually decided until the very last player, it was that close! At one stage of the last leg it could really have gone either way! Finally though the game was won by Sally's Gang with a score of 280. The runners up scored 276. So "Congratulations" this year go to "Sally's Gang" for a well deserved win.

The winner of the highest score for the ladies was a joint effort by Kay Smith and Lisa Robins, both with a score of 67. The winner of the highest score for men was Doug Gobey with 65.

The cup and medals were presented by Pat Brown and the evening ended with a buffet.



What's Coming Up?

Saturday 30th September 2017

It's Entertainment Night at the B.M.I. from 8.00p.m.

With

Katie Morris Acoustic

Sit back, relax and enjoy the sounds of Katie singing an array of classic and modern covers backed by **Phil** and his acoustic guitar



Open to members and signed in guests



Upton St Leonards Show

Saturday 9 September

2-4.30pm

A family fun afternoon, children's entertainment, skittle competition, raffle, hot dogs, tombola, ice creams, refreshments and side stalls

If you wish to donate any quality books or cakes on the day they will be much appreciated

*** New for 2017 ***

There will be a Produce Sale



Any donations of produce from your allotments, or preserves, plants etc. would be gratefully appreciated for sale on the day

50% of the proceeds will go to the Foodbank



Do you have a few hours to spare?

The Show is looking for helpers on the day.

This could be for a couple of hours in the morning getting tables and chairs sorted, or helping to run the Tombola or selling ice creams in the afternoon, helping dismantle stalls etc.

Please contact Peter Macey if you can help.

Cotswold Big Band

We are fortunate to be entertained again by the excellent Cotswold Big Band. Come and enjoy their music.



Wanted Pre-loved Teddies

Do you have any pre-loved "Teddies" that may be looking for a new home? There will be a "Teddy Tombola" at the Show and we are looking for any donations of teddy bears in good condition.

Contact Dom Everiss



What's Coming Up?

QUIZ NIGHT

BMI AUTUMN QUIZ



For BMI members and signed in guests

Saturday 14th OCTOBER 2017 With Eric @ 8.00p.m

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USL Life Call My Bluff Evening - Saturday 25 November 2017

A date for your diaries.

The USL Life Team are organising a Call My Bluff evening with a Wine Tasting theme as part of their fund raising activities this year. It will be held at the Village Hall and we hope to see you there!

More information in the October edition.



Last Minute Tickets for Upstagers!

Upstagers are performing a One Act Play called Alternative Accomodation

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Upton St Leonards Village Hall @ 7.30pm

31 August - 1 September 2017

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Macmillan Coffee Morning at Village Shop

Friday 29 September, 9am-12noon

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What's Coming Up?

ATTENTION! They're back & on the loose! CAN YOU FIND THEM?

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“Hello Vicar”

As a child my parent's friends were known to us as Mr & Mrs and I still find it difficult to address certain people, whom I've known since childhood, by their first

names, despite the fact that I am now older than they were when I first met them. Even close family friends were given the title aunt and uncle. I clearly remember being shocked when my dad invited my sixth form friends to call him Sam. It was radical to speak to a parent by their first name.

How we address other people is significant and as we get to know people more intimately we often address them differently. Children are given pet names, friends names become shortened and certain names stay with us during particular seasons in our lives; our school days or our military service years for example.

In my working life I find myself addressed in all sorts of ways; Rev Clodagh, Rev Ingram, Clodagh and occasionally, Vicar. 'Hello Vicar' is usually the way a stranger addresses me when I am doing something in my formal capacity. It helps people identify me without having to remember my name.

At home and among family and friends my formal titles are seldom mentioned and I'm referred to as mum, Conall or Ffion's mum, Dan's wife, Morfudd's daughter in law or Auntie Clodagh.

Yesterday I was greeted by 'Hello vicar' on two separate occasions by people who have met me before and I was struck by the fact that for the first person, 'Hello Vicar' was a way of keeping me at arm's length and making it clear that our relationship was still on a very formal basis. Yet for the second person the greeting of 'Hello Vicar', was one of affection, the person addressing me taking delight in the fact that I am her Vicar. We have known each other for a number of years and she is very supportive of the work I am doing.

It made me think about how we address God and how some of us never feel able to address God in anything other than a formal way. The formality can be for a number of reasons, it can be our way of keeping God at arm's length or it can be because we have not spent time getting to know him personally and so God remains a stranger.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sat 2nd 1.45pm - Visiting bell ringers
- Sun 3rd 8.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)**
10.00am Family Service with Baptism (Revd Clodagh)
- Tue 5th 9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer
9.50-12.00 Coffee & chat in Church
PCC Meeting
- Sat 9th Upton Show - CHURCH OPEN 2pm-4pm - All welcome
Explore bell ringing!- See page 12
- Sun 10th 10.00am Holy Communion (Revd Clodagh)**
- Tue 15th 9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer
9.50-12.00 Coffee & chat in Church
- Fri 15th 3.00pm Wedding
- Sun 17th 11.00am Harvest Festival in the Perry Orchard allotments (Revd Clodagh) with Gloucester Brass**
6.00pm Holy Communion (Revd Clodagh)
- Tue 19th 9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer
9.50-12.00 Coffee & chat in Church
- Sun 24th 10.00am Holy Communion (Revd Clodagh)**
- Mon 25th Organ repairs start - South aisle pews closed*
- Tue 29th 9.30-9.50am Morning Prayer
9.50-12.00 Coffee & chat in Church
- Sat 30th 7.30pm - Stuart Singers Concert in the Village Hall
For Church funds
- October
- Sun 1st 8.00am Communion (Revd Clodagh)**
10.00am Family Service with baptism (Revd Clodagh)

God does not want us to keep him at arm's length. It's the reason he sent his son Jesus into the world so that we would know how much God loves us and that it is possible to have a relationship with him: a relationship within which we can call him Father. But a bit like my recent experience of being addressed with 'Hello Vicar' addressing God as 'Father' can be done in a number of ways. Father can sound very formal and yet it depends on the context. For those of us who think of God as cold and uncaring the word 'Father' evokes formality and discipline but for those of us who know God loves us and delights in us to call him 'Father' is a title filled with joy and an intimacy.

My hope and expectation is that people who first meet me as 'Vicar' come to know me as Clodagh. God calls us into relationship with him and with one another, it take time and effort to build relationships but our lives are enriched and enabled when we see beyond any perceived formality whether that is in others or in God.

Clodagh

CHURCH NEWS

The Organ - repairs start this month!



ORGAN UPDATE

"Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord, unnumbered blessing give my spirit voice." This was the hymn I was practising for a later service when I received the news that the PCC had received a very generous donation from the Lady Downe Trust Fund for the repairs to the organ.

WOW! Thank you to the Lady Downe Trust and thank you to further generous donations from local villagers. We now have sufficient funds to commission the organ builder to start the repairs. Work begins on Monday September 25th, after the last prearranged wedding and school Harvest services. Inevitably there will be some disruption within the church as the south aisle pews (the ones by the windows) will be out of action: they will be used for storing the organ parts when it is dismantled. Having received such great news I had to go back and practise and finish the hymn despite there being some blank notes and a reluctant "B" with full stops down!!!

Sheila Thomas

Harvest Festival - open air service

Sunday 17th September, 11am, in the Perry Orchard Allotments

With Gloucester Brass

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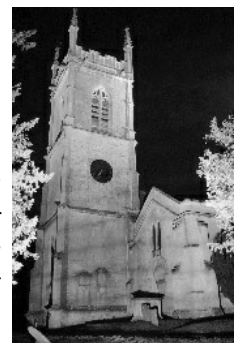
Tower Floodlighting in September

In September the Tower Lights are being sponsored by the Hemming family in celebration of 50 years at Upton Mill.

On Friday 8th September 2017, the Tower Lights are lit in remembrance of Norma Brinkley, who passed away 24 years ago this day. Kindly sponsored by her Son, Alan.

On Sunday 17th September, the Tower Lights are lit in celebration of the 13th birthday of Ellie Davies. Kindly sponsored by her grandparents Keith and Brenda Davies.

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. There is no set amount for sponsoring, 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. To get the announcement here in time, please note that the deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.



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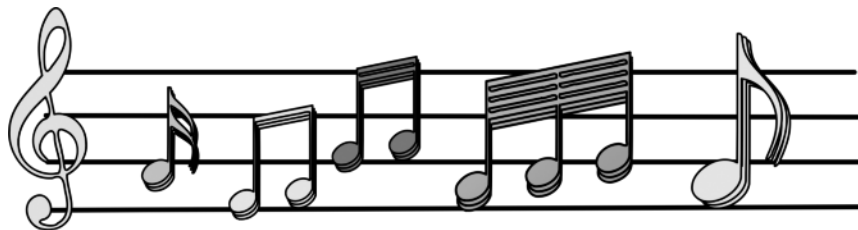
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Who's Who at the Parish Church

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Clodagh is available to be contacted
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CHURCH NEWS



We Will Remember Them

Continuing our series on the death toll in WW1, this month is the 100th anniversary of the death of another Villager.

Lewis Henry Lloyd

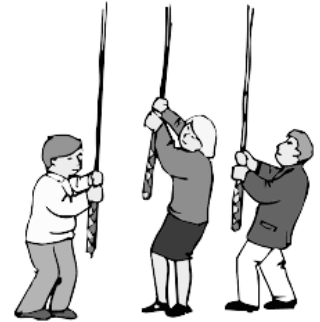
Lewis Lloyd was a dairyman. He was born in Cheltenham in 1883, and must have taken employment in Upton for a few years before WWI. His marriage with Harriet Turley (from the Forest of Dean) took place in St Leonards Church in 1906, but by 1911 they had moved to a village near Cirencester, and by the time the war started they lived in the Linden area of Gloucester at 15 Balfour Street, with one son and one daughter.

He served in the Bedfordshire Regiment as a Private with number 40951. He had also served in the Norfolk Regiment. He was killed on Friday 21st September 1917, age 35, during the Battle of Passchendaele. He has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Memorial Wall to the missing at Tyne Cot Military cemetery, Belgium.

Bell Ringing Open Day - Saturday 9 September

As advertised in last month's USL Life, the Church will be open during the Upton Show, from 2 to 4pm, when Tower Captain Charlie Burnett and other ringers will be on hand to let you experience handling the bells and learn more about bell ringing.

There will also be some hand bells to try.



Personal

My thanks to everyone who came to my 70th birthday party & also for your kind donations to USL church.

Pam Stratford

Rachel Hall celebrated her 85th birthday at the BMI with family and friends, who together donated £500 towards the church organ repair.

Many thanks

Do you need a wheelchair for a short while?

Barbara Sproston, in Six Acres, has one she can lend out.



The Coppice. Building a house in Upton in 1955

When Albert Osborn (Bill) bought the building plot at the corner of Bondend Road and Nuthill it was full of trees, mostly beech saplings, a few pines and a mature oak. It was Springtime and the ground was white with wild garlic in full bloom. From the beginning the family referred to the land as 'The Coppice' and when the house was built they kept the name.

Early in 1955 Bill was told by friends Colin Rumsey and John Herring, (all BMI members) that the owner of The Black and White House, Mr Little was selling two parcels of land in the village. Bill, who cherished the idea of building a home for his wife and family and had been looking for building land for some time, was convinced that this was the best opportunity that had come his way, so he spent all his savings on the purchase.

To get the project started the site needed clearing. Bill negotiated with a forestry worker at Cranham Woods to clear the trees in exchange for the wood; a large beech and a few tall pines were kept. Next, a vehicle was required for transporting materials so Bill bought an 'old banger', repaired the engine, removed the back seats and added a tow-bar to transport a mixer. Building plans were drawn up based on a house in Sneedhams Green. Throughout the whole project Bill's two boys Gerry and Geoff, then aged 15 and 10, worked alongside him every weekend and most evenings, sometimes until nine o'clock; friends and family joined in whenever they could. George Pegler, a friend and a master builder from Cotteswold Road, advised Bill on the construction process.

The main entrance was made in Bondend Road: a handmade tin shed was constructed to house building materials and tools. Diggers were very expensive to hire so the footings were dug by hand. When the bricks arrived from Coleford, each brick had been stacked by hand; it took three men from 8.30am until 4.30pm to unload and re-stack the bricks on-site. Building materials, which were bought on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis, were supplied by John Kent in Gloucester Docks. Both the outside and inside walls were constructed in brick, which meant a lot more work but Bill insisted on the best for the family home. He did every aspect of the work: bricklaying; plumbing; electrics; plastering; all the carpentry including fitting windows and building and tiling the roof. After 18 months, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen which only had a sink, were completed so the family moved in. The remainder of the house needed floors, doors, facias, skirtings, plastering and decorating; this took another 18 months because materials were purchased when the family finances could stretch to it.



Bill was thrilled with the result of their efforts and Geoff and Gerry were proud to have worked alongside their 'dad' building the family home. The brothers said that their mother, Victoria Peace, known as 'Dinah,' never complained, and although their dad was a strict parent, he 'lived for the family.'



The end of this story of 'Building The Coppice' is a tribute to their old workhorse, the converted car. The whole family had become so fond of the car that, when it finally became unrepairable they said, "we didn't have the heart to take it to the scrapyards so we buried her at the bottom of the garden."

Footnote: Bill always wanted 'The Coppice' to be kept in the family: his daughter Wendy lives there now.

Badgers Go to Sonderborg



The village Explorer Scout Group, Nutty Badgers headed over to Denmark this summer to participate at the International Scout Jamboree at Sonderborg. The unit had opted to fly from Bristol Airport via Amsterdam and then onto Hamburg, with a final coach journey to Sonderborg. A long day, finally ending up at a High School where overseas units were being over-nighted prior to the arrival day.

The next day we arrived at the jamboree camp site along with 45,000 other participants. To give you an idea of the scale of this Jamboree, it was massive, the area alone is 2km by 1.5km. It was divided into 4 sub-camps each with their own facilities ie supermarket, cafes, toilets etc. So we had to find our camp area which is the size of half a tennis

court (we were allocated 15sqm per person our area was 240sqm) think needle and haystack...! We met with our host Danish Scout unit and agreed on our pioneering structure that would become our home for the week.

Danish scouting is rather different from English scouting. They carry out a lot of pioneering, making items from wooden poles such as seats, shelters and kitchen areas. They use very little gas, but instead use wood for cooking on open fires. The wood piles were massive, with time schedules for each District to cut wood and bring it back to their camp area.

On Sunday evening we had the opening ceremony. It took 50 minutes to walk from our campsite to the main stage where all 45,000 participants and helpers met. During the following week the unit took part in various activities such as culture and science days; climbing up 25 metres into the tree tops, making pioneer structures to lift a car, meeting scouts from around the world, along with daily chores such as collecting water, wood and food.



The Danish scouts had written a cook book for the week designed to give participants an idea of typical Danish cuisine. As a unit we decided to follow this completely, unfortunately so did everyone else and that's when the cooking ingredients soon started to run out on a daily basis. So in good Scouting tradition improvisation had to take place. Whilst tomatoes and lettuce were bountiful, fruit was in short supply for the entire week. We made batches of Welsh cakes for handing out during social gatherings but had to take the currants out of packets of fruit and nut mix.

Weather for the week was mixed with high winds and massive downpours occurring often, the mud was everywhere and thousands of tonnes of wood chip and bark had to be bought to camp to assist with soaking up the mud. At the end of the week the sun finally came out for the closing ceremony where again we all met up.

Sunday morning we were able to drop camp in the blazing sun, however whilst we waited for the coach to take us to the airport, the heavens opened up and thousands of scouts were soaked to the skin. Finally the coach arrived and we headed south to Hamburg and our return to home.

From the Unit Leadership Team

The Explorer Scout Leadership team try to offer an international experience to all young people who join the unit. For our next international trip in a few years time, we hope to go to the Swiss Scouting Campsite at Kandersteg. If you feel you can help Scouting or want to get involved then please don't hesitate to contact one of the leaders. Contact details can be found within the magazine contacts section.



Information

USL Parish Council

Speeding Vehicles

In addition to the Vehicle Activation Sign and other work already taking place with Gloucestershire County Highways, we decided to investigate if we could get the whole village envelope included as an enforceable 20mph zone.

It is an involved, expensive and lengthy process to attain the Public Traffic Order but we believe it is worth pursuing on your behalf. We expect this will include public consultation, so when the time comes we will be grateful for your support. I am sure you will join us in trying to achieve this goal and make our village a safer place in which to move around. All progress will be shared through this newsletter.



Road Issues

It was good to have achieved the M5 resurfacing ahead of the original schedule and we are now pressing for action on the replacement of noise barriers for more effective ones.

Also scheduled in October is the resurfacing of the remainder of Bondend Road. Our next focus is to improve the condition of 6 Acres so we are steadily making progress on keeping our roads in good condition.

Keith Pearson, Chairman USL Parish Council



Phone and Computer Clinic - 7 September

Subject: Backing up and de-cluttering

Richard and Andy will run a practical session in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th September, starting at 10.30, lasting about 90 minutes. In that time we will explain and demonstrate a few methods to back up the data on your computer, using the internet and using removable disc drives. We will also talk about getting rid of junk, which can make your computer, tablet or phone work faster and look less cluttered.

This is a practical session. Please bring your laptop, tablet or phone, so you can actually carry out a back-up or do some de-cluttering.

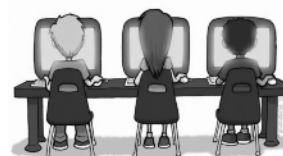
We'd be grateful if you could let us know if you will be coming, so we can check we have enough room!

Remember, if you have any issues you need help with and are unable to attend our clinics, give us a call and we will meet you at the Coffee Club.

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Lord's Taverners Cricket Match/Dinner on 21 July

For the Cricket Match, the weather was a big disappointment. With rain forecast, the game was started half an hour earlier than planned and was



A reasonable crowd watch the game. Author Felix Francis, commentator, is leaning on the balcony rail

certain, that John Desborough of Sky Sports fame and Darren Gough (Yorkshire and England cricketer and "Strictly" winner) would be taking part. In the end we also had former pro cricketers Graham Rose (Middlesex and Somerset) and David Griffiths (Hampshire). Former villager and badminton gold medallist Mike Tredgett captained the LT team. Gloucester Rugby stars James Simpson-Daniel and Nick Wood turned out. Mark Costin is the current head coach at the ECB for disability cricket. Richard Madley is a professional auctioneer, who turned this skill to cricket by managing the auction of players for the hugely successful Indian Premier League. Actor Tim Dutton (in the Bourne Identity and a principal in the Ally McBeal series) and ex-Southampton pro footballer Jason Dodd completed the line-up, with author Felix Francis adding a commentary. We also had Middlesex and England fast bowler John Price as a celebrity umpire.

The cricket match was mostly a bit of fun. The main fund raising event was the dinner, held in the hall at the Primary School and an enjoyable evening was had by all, entertained by Darren Gough and John Desborough. The catering was done by the School canteen staff. The first two courses were sophisticated items as you would expect at a big dinner. The final course was "School Puddings", a lovely touch!



Paul Mount (left) watches as Darren Gough hands the minibus keys to Richard Lewis, the Principal at the Peak Academy, Dursley



Upton's 1st XI captain Rich Dwight bowls to David Griffiths. Umpire John Price looks on

played over 25 overs rather than 30. But a game was completed, the Lord's Taverners winning at a canter. The players and guests were given a magnificent lunch and tea at the pavilion, with the catering in the hands of the Warnes family: Tom Warnes is the Cricket Club's 2nd XI skipper, his brother Rob is the Wednesday skipper, and their parents have often taken responsibility for catering for the Club.

It is in the nature of these "celebrity" games that it is often very difficult to say who will be in the team. With a month to go, we only had, for

certain, that John Desborough of Sky Sports fame and Darren Gough (Yorkshire and England cricketer and "Strictly" winner) would be taking part. In the end we also had former pro cricketers Graham Rose (Middlesex and Somerset) and David Griffiths (Hampshire). Former villager and badminton gold medallist Mike Tredgett captained the LT team. Gloucester Rugby stars James Simpson-Daniel and Nick Wood turned out. Mark Costin is the current head coach at the ECB for disability cricket. Richard Madley is a professional auctioneer, who turned this skill to cricket by managing the auction of players for the hugely successful Indian Premier League. Actor Tim Dutton (in the Bourne Identity and a principal in the Ally McBeal series) and ex-Southampton pro footballer Jason Dodd completed the line-up, with author Felix Francis adding a commentary. We also had Middlesex and England fast bowler John Price as a celebrity umpire.



John Desborough and Darren Gough entertaining the diners

Lots of credit for this event must go to villager Paul Mount. Paul has organised Lord's Taverners cricket events at the County Ground and at the Cheltenham Festival, but he had always wanted to see if he could bring the Taverners to his own Village. Paul managed to persuade the Cricket Club (he is their President after all) to take on the game and he did most of the planning.

Paul actually donated an electronic scoreboard and sight screens to the Cricket Club, and you can see both being used in the pictures here. It has been Paul's drive and determination, as well as his significant personal financial support, that has meant yet another minibus being handed over to a local school.

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

VILLAGE DIARY

MONTH

SEPTEMBER

1	Fri	Upstagers - One Act Play and Quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.30pm
2	Sat	Upstagers - One Act Play and Quiz.....	Village Hall.....	7.30pm
4	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
4	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
4	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
4	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
5	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week.....		
5	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
5	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
6	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30p.m.
6	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
6	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30a.m.
6	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
6	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
6	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
6	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
7	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
7	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
9	Sat	Upton St Leonards Show.....	Village Hall.....	2.00-4.30p.m.
9	Sat	"Open Day" in the Church Bell Tower.....	Church.....	2.00-4.00pm
10	Sun	Copy Date for October issue of USL Life		
11	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
11	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
11	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
11	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
11	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
12	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins)		
12	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
12	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
12	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
13	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
13	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
13	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
13	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
13	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
13	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
14	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
14	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
17	Sun	Harvest Festival Service - open air.....	Perry Orchard Allotments.....	11.00am
18	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
18	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
18	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
18	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
18	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
19	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week		
19	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.45-12.15p.m.
19	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....	8.30-10.30p.m.
20	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
20	Wed	Wednesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....	10.00a.m.
20	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.30-12.30p.m.
20	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....	2.00-4.00p.m.
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20	Wed	Bingo.....	B.M.I.....	8.00p.m.
20	Wed	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	8.00-9.30p.m.
21	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....	9.30-10.15a.m.
21	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
21	Thu	History Group - "Whitley Court" - Up the road.....	Village Hall.....	7.45-9.15p.m.
25	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
25	Mon	Coffee Club.....	B.M.I.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
25	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.
25	Mon	Fitness Training (2 sessions).....	Village Hall Annex.....	6.00-7.30p.m.
25	Mon	Zumba.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	6.30-7.30p.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.



26	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week (and Garden Waste for those with brown bins)	
26	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.45-12.15p.m.
26	Tue	Tuesday Probus.....	B.M.I.....10.00a.m.
26	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....8.30-10.30p.m.
27	Wed	Pilates.....	Pavilion.....9.30-10.30a.m.
27	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	Prinknash Cafe - Walk from 9.30 or coffee from 10.30a.m.
27	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....10.30-12.30p.m.
27	Wed	Pavilion Painters.....	Pavilion.....2.00-4.00p.m.
27	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.30m.
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28	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....9.30-10.15a.m.
28	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.30-10.30a.m.
28	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....2.30-4.30p.m.
30	Sat	Church Fabric Fund - The Stuart Singers.....	Village Hall.....7.30p.m.
30	Sat	Entertainment Night at the B.M.I.....	B.M.I.....8.00p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

OCTOBER

2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Tue	Copy date for November issue of USL Life	
14	Sat	Autumn Quiz.....	B.M.I.....8.00p.m.
16	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.45p.m.
23	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....7.00-9.00p.m.
25	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....10.15a.m.
26	Thu	Get Together Club Lunch.....	Village Hall.....1.00-4.00p.m.

NOVEMBER

4	Sat	Firework Night.....	Village Hall Field.....TBC
6	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....7.30p.m.
6	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Fri	Copy date for December issue of USL Life.....	
13	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
16	Thu	History Group - The Whittards of Cheltenham and Gloucester -	Village Hall.....7.45-9.15p.m.
20	Mon	Abbeyle Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.45p.m.
22	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	B.M.I.....10.15a.m.
25	Sat	Wine Tasting/Call My Bluff Evening.....	Village Hall.....7.30p.m.
27	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....7.00-9.00p.m.
27	Mon	Lady Downe Charity Meeting	
30	Thu	Get Together Club - School Concert.....	Village Hall.....2.00-4.00p.m.

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Children and dogs are behaving - so far
The excitement is there for all to feel
As dad clambers in behind the wheel

That sound is not right as dad turns the key
Bringing the neighbours out to see
If they can help us on our way
Their best advice "send for the AA"

The AA chap arrives and takes one look
"Sorry mate" he says "they're not in my book"
"The instructions you need for the work on your car
And the Tow Truck has to come from afar"

So we file back through the front door
Our eyes cast down to the floor
Disappointment is there
What rotten luck - Life's just not fair!

The dogs are content tug-of-warring with dad's shoe
Mum cheers us up as mothers do
With a hot cup of tea - more in the pot
and guess what "Indiana Jones"
is once again at the 8 o'clock slot!

So we all settle down relieved in a way
No traffic to battle or toll charges to pay
And if tomorrow is again another bright day
We'll bring out the deckchairs, enjoy a good rest
And realise the home is always the best

Val Doll

In this months magazine, a suggestion I was glad to see

A "blanket speed" through our village

Was music to you and me

No more will the "Boy Racer" speed

Through our leafy lanes

He'll have to ease off the pedal

The message will be plain

If he can't drive with common sense

We don't want him here again

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Something to Celebrate!

USL Coffee Club have celebrated their 1st Birthday

Where did that 1st Year go?

We were so pleased to see over 60 of our regulars celebrating a successful year.

Our special thanks go to all the USL Life Newsletter team for their Congratulations Card/Cake, and for holding their Fund Raising event with us on May 15th.

Thanks go to Alec which, without his support our Monday mornings wouldn't be the same!!

We all enjoyed ourselves and during our 2 hours, Sue & Pat suggested a raffle with donated prizes from the group which raised £102 for the BMI charities "Maggies" and The Air Ambulance. Much cake was consumed, made by several of our ladies and another good social was enjoyed together with Revd Clodagh and PCSO Lianne who has popped in from time to time over the year. There was definitely a great atmosphere.



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