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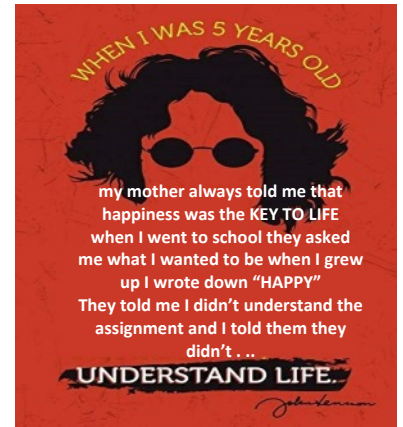
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## USL Life is now Five Years Old

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## CLOCKING UP THE MILES

Upton Walkers on Porlock Beach and in the Countryside. Read more about these stalwart residents on page 2. Thanks to Jackie Hunt for the photographs.



**UPTON SHOW**  
**SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**  
**ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!!**

**See page 6 for your last minute entries and contributions.**

**Calling all Primary aged children!**

**Remember to bring along your entries for USL LIFE Designing our Front Page**

**See page 6**

# Letters to the Editor



It was great to see Ray Tickner's painting of a cricket game in 1977 on the Rec on the front cover of the August issue. The painting was donated by Mary, his widow, to the Cricket Club, and hangs in the pavilion now. I love doing a "spot the difference" between then and now. Then, only a single storey pavilion, no hedge round the tennis court, the church tower and clock fully visible from the field (it isn't now), and I could just spot on the far left in the hedge, the old heavy roller, used every week then with four or five pulling it, and now permanently parked at the top near the road.



Here's a conundrum: in 1977 cricketers could all clearly see the church clock and used to time their games by it. Forty years later the trees have grown and one can't see the clock from the cricket pitch. So how come the trees have grown up so much in the last 40 years? Weren't they there for years and years before 1977?

**A Cricketer**

## Upton Walkers

In 1988 several of us at a New Year's Eve party in the Village decided to walk to the Royal William on New Year's Day for lunch. Thus Upton Walkers was formed. A few more joined us and 432 walks later, mainly locally, we are still walking, albeit 3-4 miles once a month instead of the 8 – 10 miles we did when our legs were not quite so old.

Early in the 1990's some of us who had caravans and others who had tents decided to go further afield twice a year for a long weekend, to walk in different areas. In 2001, when most of us had retired we went away for a week, staying mostly in static caravans and we have done this every year since. This year we went to Porlock, our 41<sup>st</sup> away trip, and stayed in caravans on the beautiful Burrowhayes camping site. The weather was delightful and we had three glorious, contrasting walks taking in woods, marsh, coast and hillside.



We have had the pleasure of walking and seeing lovely countryside on trips to Yorkshire, Cumbria, Wales, East Anglia, the West Country and of course locally, where we have made use of many country pubs! To celebrate our original walk, we still meet for lunch at the Royal William on New Year's Day. In addition we have a BBQ once a year in the summer and an annual lunch in the autumn. Who knows how long we can continue, but it has been very healthy and great fun with good friends.

**Mike Kenyon**

**USL Life would welcome any information about other walking groups in the village. However, if you would like to join an existing group of guided walks see page 17 for more information.**



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# What's been happening in Upton?

On one of the hottest days of this year our local choir, TLC, gave a performance to entertain the Get Together Club. The programme was very varied, and members joined in with several songs they knew.

Singers and audience alike enjoyed the afternoon which ended with an afternoon tea of tasty fresh sandwiches, cream scones and a variety of fabulous home made cakes.

Sylvia Ardron, TLC's musical director, received a gift from the choir in appreciation of her invaluable support.



Anyone wishing to find out more information about Get Together Club can contact Pam Tickner on 01452

## From Stroud District Council



Residents are being reminded to put waste out by 6am on the day of collection. ***This will be***

***particularly pertinent in the coming weeks, as a new recycling collection round is being introduced to cater for the growth in property numbers.*** Whilst residents will not experience any change to their scheduled collection day, recycling may be collected at a different time than previously. Putting refuse and recycling out by 6am, which is our standard guidance, will ensure there is no disruption.



Three of our local bin men enjoying a morning cuppa, courtesy of Christina Caldwell

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# What's been happening in Upton?

## BMI COACH TRIP TO STRATFORD RACES

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July a party of 40 members from the BMI had a day out at Stratford Races for "Ladies Day". Luckily the weather was fantastic, as everyone sat by the coach on arrival, to have their picnics, before entering the racecourse. This is a lovely racecourse as you can get right close to the track to see the horses.

The afternoon seemed to fly by, and I'm sure a few of us came home with slightly lighter pockets! It was however, a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



There was also a second outing to Stratford from the BMI. This was on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August when 30 of the regular Bingo players were treated to a day out. The coach left at 10.00am and again the weather was glorious. Once we arrived at Stratford, everyone went their separate ways to do a little sightseeing.

After a leisurely walk by the river, listening to the various students that were busking and gazing at the wonderful flowers that seemed to be everywhere, it was time for a glass of wine and lunch, before our short journey back.

## WHO IS THE PIED PIPER OF UPTON ST LEONARDS? IS THE B.M.I. HIS HOME?

A visitor looking out over Churchfield Road and Bondend Road at 10 a.m. on a Monday morning would see people appearing from every side – walking, driving or being given a lift. As yet no one has been seen arriving on a motor bike or bicycle! All these people are heading in the same direction – to the B.M.I. for the weekly Coffee Morning.



The Monday Coffee Morning continues to thrive and has just entered its fourth year. It is a wonderful meeting place in the village. All thanks to Alec and the admirable team who care for us all week after week – as well as reminding us to relinquish our name badges before we leave! Long may this special event continue.

**Ann Morphew**

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# What's been happening in Upton?

## BMI PIG ROAST

Despite the atrocious weather on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, the BMI Pig Roast still went ahead, the only difference being, it was held indoors rather than outside! As we all know, it's impossible to plan for the weather! It was a very busy evening, despite the rain and it was

a real pleasure to see so many people venture out to support this annual event.

Mary ran a raffle on the night, with a total of £160 to be added to the BMI Charity. Once again a big thank you to everyone who attended.



## Summer Skittles at the BMI

The last seven weeks of the summer skittles competition at the BMI have gone by so quickly, with the final played on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This was followed by a presentation to both teams and a buffet.



The semi-finals were held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The first was between "Paula's Lot and Scotties Lot". This was a very close game with Scotties Lot becoming the winners. The second semi-final was between Lumberjacks who beat Xkeys Exiles.

The final was a close game between Scotties Lot and

Lumberjacks with both teams scoring over 320. Scotties Lot became the overall winners, despite Steve Coleman from the Lumberjacks having two spares in the final legs (including a flattener)

The final scores were Scotties Lot with 336, and Lumberjacks with 324. Congratulations go to Lisa Robins and her team who have won this competition once again. The "Knuckles Cup" was presented to Scotties Lot by Pat Brown in memory of her husband Terry.

There were also awards for the top men's score which went to Phil Mogg with 75 and Sarah Wakeley with a score of 60. It was good to see some new teams entering this competition once again, even as novice skittlers, and we hope that they will participate again next year.

The Boules Festival was started in 1986 and the tradition continues. This year the event was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. It has grown into the UK's largest one day unaffiliated Boules tournament which attracts an ever growing number of local and visiting teams including international players.



The wide streets in the village are closed to traffic to make room for the 16 Boules Pistes on which 127 games are contested throughout the day. This is a knockout

competition so you only move on to the next round if you win your game. There is also a competition for youngsters. There is plenty going on to keep the spectators entertained including stalls, cafes, bars and music.

Members of the Upton Petanque Club have taken part over the years with varying degrees of success!. It really is a wonderful day out.

*Jackie Hunt, Upton Petanque*

**If you are interested in playing French Boules (Petanque) see the advertisement on page 7**



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# What's coming up in Upton?



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Get your entries ready! Schedules are available on the website: [uptonstleonardsshow.com](http://uptonstleonardsshow.com) or from the show secretary Peter Macey

**Design our "Front Page" Competition**

**for the December issue  
 USL Life 2019**

**Volunteers needed!** Please contact Peter Macey if you can help clear away at the end of the show.

Entries to be submitted at the Village Show on 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Donations, please, of bottles and stuff for the tombola, prizes for the raffle, and cakes for the refreshments.**

See the August issue for full details

## UPON ST. LEONARDS HISTORY GROUP

Come and learn all about the history of our local area at our regular meetings throughout the year.  
 Our next talk will be at the Village Hall on

**Thursday 19 September at 7.45pm**

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# What's coming up in Upton, cont'd?

## SILVER SUNDAY - Save the date - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October



Silver Sunday is a special day in the national calendar when everyone can come together to celebrate older people: a day in the nation's hearts where older people feel valued and are given new opportunities to get out of the house, keep their minds and bodies active, learn new skills, make new friends and connect with the communities and generations around them.

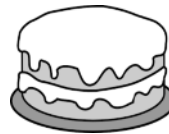
This year Silver Sunday is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and an event is being held from 2-4pm in the Upton Village Hall.

It will take the form of an afternoon tea party with live music. A duo called The Poppy Sisters are coming to entertain us with songs from yesteryear. Tea and cake will be provided and if anyone feels up to dancing I am sure there will be room.

Otherwise just sit and enjoy the singing. The event will be free of charge but if donations are given, then all money will go to Silver Line, the Esther Rantzen charity for older people.

A limited number of tickets will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Monday morning coffee club at the BMI and also from Jackie Lord.

**HOME-MADE CAKES WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.**



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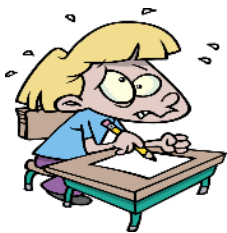
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# What's coming up in Upton?



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**Priest in charge:** Rev. Clodagh Ingram

**Curate:** Rev. James Turk



*Rev Clodagh Ingram writes*

## Stewardship

Throughout the Sundays of September, culminating in our Harvest Service on the Perry Orchard Allotments on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, we are going to be considering Stewardship.

Stewardship is deeply rooted in the biblical understanding of God as the creator from whom all things come, and how we, as his people are accountable to God for what we do with all that God has entrusted to us.

The word 'stewardship' comes from the ancient Greek word 'oikonomous', which means the manager of the household or household affairs. Stewards in the ancient world managed the household affairs of their master, who entrusted everything to them for safe keeping, particularly when they were absent.

In the story of Joseph, one of the earliest bible stories, an enslaved Joseph becomes the Egyptian Potiphar's steward. Joseph had complete responsibility for his master's belongings. Joseph was totally trusted to make decisions in his master's place; he was trusted with everything including Potiphar's wife. Unfortunately she takes a fancy to Joseph but Joseph acts completely honorably towards her. If you've ever seen 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' you will have seen the outcome. If not you can read the story for yourself in Genesis Chapter 39 (look it up at [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com) if you don't have a bible).

Stewardship is often equated to how we spend our money but it is about so much more than that. We are, each one of us, made in the image of God, and given responsibility for his world and sharing his love. Stewardship encompasses how we use all of our resources: our time, our abilities, skills and talents, our relationships, the environment, our money and our belongings.

Every Sunday we have a collection during the Service. It is called the Offertory to remind us that we are offering back to God some of what he has given to us. We do so not because we have to but as a loving response to God's love and generosity towards us. The money is received with these words: 'All things come from you Lord, and of your own do we give you for your praise and purposes.'

Stewardship begins when we recognise that Jesus is our Saviour and God's plans and purposes are for each one of us

to live life in all its fullness: a life which radiates generosity towards God and other people.

If you would like to find out more why not join us for a Sunday Service. We meet at 10am every week; or come along to the Alpha Course beginning on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 at Upton St Leonard's Primary School, or give me a ring.

*Clodagh*

## Church Calendar for September 2019

<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Celebration Service</b>
Mon 2	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 3	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 4	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
<b>Sun 8</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
Mon 9	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 10	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 11	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
<b>Sun 15</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 16	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 17	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 18	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Word &amp; Worship</b>
Mon 23	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
Tue 24	9.30 - 9.50	Morning Prayer
	9.50 -12.00	Coffee & Chat
Wed 25	4.00 - 4.30	Evening Prayer
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Harvest Service-Perry Orchard Allotments</b>

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Chloe Reynolds is an acclaimed international Christian singer-songwriter. Since her debut album in 2016, Chloe has notched up 3 top 10's and a No.1 in the UK Christian chart. As well as taking her music on the road to perform at many Christian events across the UK, Chloe Reynolds has also opened tours for Lulu, Anastacia and

Marti Pellow. She has performed to over 100,000 people in the last 3 years.

With continuing support from the BBC (BBC Radio 2, BBC Introducing, BBC Radio Gloucestershire, Solent, Manchester), Chloe's music can now be heard on UCB Radio, Premier Christian Radio, TBN, God Channel and many more. Through songs such as Broken Beautiful, I am Brave and Not Afraid, Chloe champions perseverance and the idea that if we can hand over what little we have to God, He can do amazing things with it.

Her much sought after third album, Arise, is already causing a stir. Released on 6th July, the single and title track, aimed to empower women to live their best life and remember whose daughter they are, is to be the driving force behind this new project. Songs to motivate and encourage people to live a life of love, stand up for what matters and make a difference.

Chloe Reynolds is an ambassador for children's charity Compassion UK. At every concert, Chloe can be seen telling her audience just how important it is to change a child's life through sponsorship. Many children have already been released from poverty through her work, and by touring her new album, Chloe aims to get 100 more children sponsored.

### Harvest Service

At Perry Orchard Allotments

11.00 am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

At Perry Orchard Allotments

*All are Welcome*

Come in wellies and waterproofs if necessary

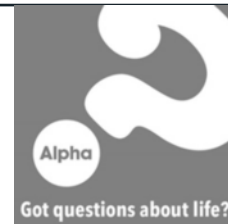
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the service



Please note there has been a change of day  
and date to previously advertised Alpha  
Course



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17<sup>th</sup> Sept - 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

1<sup>st</sup> Oct - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct - 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

5<sup>th</sup> Nov - 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

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## *St. Leonard's Church News*

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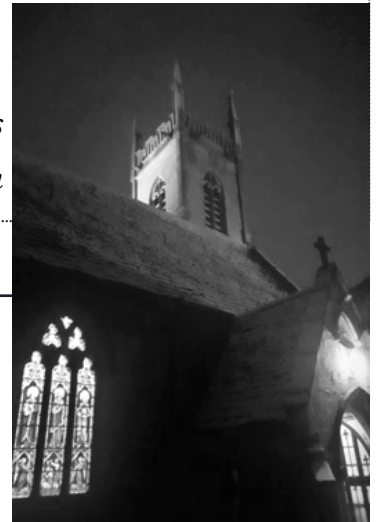
### *Tower Lights And God said 'Let there be light' (Genesis Ch. 1 Ver 3)*

Though not quite as biblical, we are proud of the fact that our village church tower is lit every evening for all to see. The Tower lights provide a beacon for our community, with village members donating when they wish to mark an occasion or to cherish the memory of loved ones passed.

A little while ago one of the lights went out and Ben, who regularly attends the 10 am service with his wife Becky and baby son Daniel, and who just happens to be an electrician, checked it out only to find that the light had become full of water and was beyond repair.

The light which went out is set behind the area devoted to children's graves, this is on the west side of the church. When you walk down the path towards the bottom gate you can also see an empty cage that once housed another light which was removed a number of years ago so. At a recent meeting of the PCC it was decided that, if we could afford it, we would replace that light too. As the cost at that stage was unknown a cap was put on the amount we were prepared to spend. When the quote came in it was higher than we anticipated, so Ben very kindly offered to install both lights free of charge, bringing the cost down below the figure that had been allocated for the repairs. Needless to say we are extremely grateful for Ben's generosity and now the lights have arrived the west side of the church will be lit and motorists driving on the M5 will be able to appreciate our ancient but beautiful church. They might even mistake it for the Cathedral!

*Keith Robbins  
Churchwarden*



### *Tower Floodlighting*

On the 12<sup>th</sup> August, the Tower Lights were lit in celebration of the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday of Charlie Davies, kindly sponsored by his Nanna, Brenda Davies.

The Tower Lights were lit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August to celebrate David and Jackie Hunt's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August, the Tower Lights were lit in memory of Keith Davies, sponsored by his loving wife, Brenda.

The Tower Lights are sponsored on 1<sup>st</sup> September by Stephanie & Ian Crowe to celebrate the forty-eighth birthday of their younger daughter Alexandra and on 17<sup>th</sup> September to commemorate what would have been the fiftieth birthday of their elder daughter Sarah.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the Tower Lights are lit in remembrance of Norma Brinkley, who passed away this day in 1993. Kindly sponsored by her son Alan.

The Tower Lights will be lit on September 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Hannah Hunt's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September, the Tower Lights are lit in celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ellie Davies, kindly sponsored by her Nanna, Brenda Davies.

The Church Tower Lights will be lit on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, "remembering Robert W B Lyne today and every day and the wonderful times we shared. Our hearts are entwined and will heal and we will meet again when the time is right, Sarah."

***If you or your family would like to have the Church Tower Floodlights lit to celebrate a special event such as a birthday/anniversary/ Baptism or in remembrance of a loved one please contact Jenny Cunningham 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 your donation this will help us too. Please note that the deadline of the Church Pages of USL Life is the 10th of the preceding month.***

# St. Leonard's Church News

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## Who's Who at the Parish Church

### Priest in Charge:

Rev Clodagh Ingram

### Curate:

Rev James Turk

### Churchwardens:

Keith Robbins

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Dorothy Cox

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Charlie Burnett

### Mother's Union

Rachel Hall

### Church Cleaning Rota

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### Church Flowers

Jenny Cunningham

## Churchyard Tales

Yes, we're trying to regenerate the gloomy and somewhat dark garden of remembrance to a place where it will become more inviting for people to come and remember their loved ones. The four holly trees that grew from uninvited saplings have been felled, which is beginning to let some more light into this area. However the large beech tree needs some serious attention. Our tree surgeon has advised us that it is seriously unbalanced so he will be taking some of the weight off the tree and crown it so as to not only preserve and care for the tree but also to enable some more light to get through to the remembrance garden. Of course these maintenance jobs, which have been sadly neglected over the years, come with a substantial cost which is financed from the churchyard fund and inevitably determines how much we can do beyond the amazing voluntary support we have. If anyone would like to contribute to this cost we would be very grateful. Thank you in anticipation!!



Sheila Thomas

## Mothers' UNION

The next meeting is on  
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**Ruby Wedding Anniversary**

40 Years of Marriage



## ABBEYDALE GARDEN CLUB MINI SHOW



The Abbeydale Gardening Club held its Mini Show on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall. Whilst the judges were hard at work, deciding who would take 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the gardening, photography and handicraft sections, Chairperson Anne, had devised two quizzes for the members to ponder over. Thankfully we were fortified with liquid refreshments and nibbles to sustain us whilst we attempted answering the questions; some of which baffled the brightest!!



Hearty congratulations to Doug Monkman, who was the overall winner and who is seen receiving the cup from Dr Andrew Nicholls.

September's meeting will be on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when our speaker will be Nathalie Mignotte, talking to us about the Midlands to the Mid-West. New members are always welcome.



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## This month's feature: The Wesleyan Chapel - Postscript

In the May edition of the U.S.L. Life magazine I presented an article about the Wesleyan Chapel and Sunday school that were situated where Perry Orchard meets the High Street. At the end of the piece I asked if any one in the Parish could remember anything about the Chapel and Sunday school. It was lovely when two Parishioners contacted me.

Here are some of their memories.

### First, Rachel Hall, formerly Staite.

Rachel was born in Manor Cottage on the 10<sup>th</sup>, July 1932 . As a child she remembers her Grandmother, Louisa, was a member of the Mothers' Meeting which met at the Chapel. Louisa helped to make the first Mothers' Union banner which now hangs in St Leonards Church.

Rachel remembers that meetings at the Chapel always started with a hymn and a prayer and that often there was a speaker. She also remembers that a doctor from Painswick held a surgery once a week in the Chapel room. Later this moved next door to Laurel Cottage, in the High Street.

Rachel attended the Chapel Sunday school and youth club where she played table tennis and took part in drama productions (Girls only). She fondly remembers annual Chapel teas celebrating the Chapel's opening. Rachel married her husband Trevor in 1954 in St Leonards Church.

Below is a copy of one of Rachel's photographs, showing the opening of the Chapel in 1913.

Rachel's Mother and Grandmother are in the gathering. Everyone looking splendid, I guess you would say, "All in their Sunday best". Rachel's Mother was married at the Chapel in 1928.

Thank you to Rachel and Trevor for an afternoon of lovely memories.



And from Ted Gardner, memories in verse: Turn over to page 15

**And from Ted Gardner, memories in verse:**

In the May edition of U.S.L. Life magazine a poignant question was asked,

“So where is this?”

Well I’ll tell you what I recall about that old place of prayer.

For on many a Sunday, as a young boy, I have bowed my head in there.

We went to Chapel Sunday School,

My Brother, Cousins and I.

And after the service we would go scroggin,

In the orchard that was nearby.

On Wednesdays it was Boys club night,

Run by the local Plod.

A Policeman running a Boys club?

Now you may think - “That’s odd”.

But the Hall by that old Chapel

Was used for many events,

With a snooker table, a dart board

And subs of just a few pence.

I can’t recall it being demolished,

Cus I was just a lad.

My Gramps orchard stood behind it,

Best apples to be had.

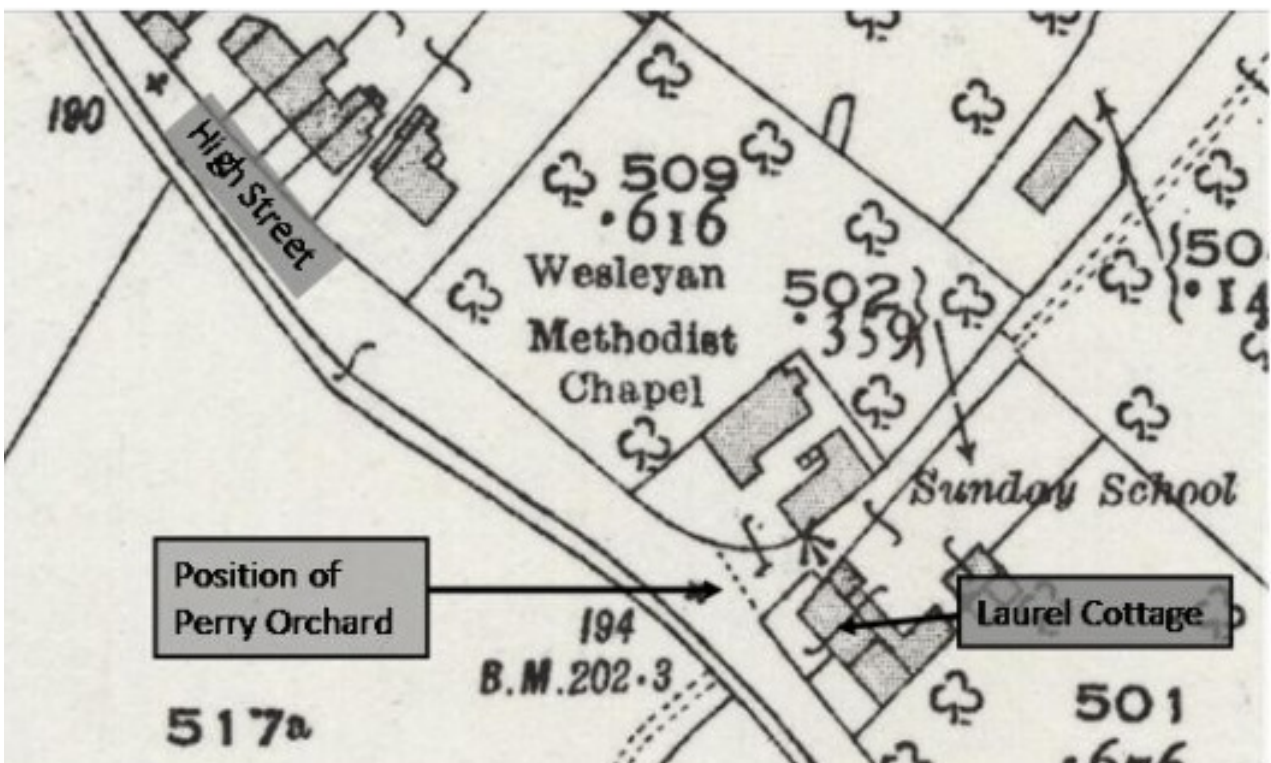
Its *all* gone now and that’s a shame,

But that’s how it is in Upton,

Nothing stays the same.



**And a reminder:**



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

# VILLAGE DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

1			
2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....10.00-11.30a.m.
2	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....10.00-12.00p.m.
2	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....12.15-1.45p.m.
2	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....7.30p.m.
2	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
3	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week	
3	Tue	Needles and Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.45-12.15p.m.
3	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....8.30-10.30p.m.
4	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....10.00-12.00p.m.
4	Wed	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....6.00p.m.
4	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI.....8.00p.m.
4	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.30p.m.
4	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....7.30-9.00p.m.
5	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.30-10.30a.m.
5	Thu	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....1.00-2.00p.m.
6	Fri	Pilates.....	Village Hall.....11.30-12.30p.m.
7	Sat	Upton Show.....	Village Hall.....2.00p.m.
8	Sun	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....10.00a.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....10.00-11.30a.m.
9	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....10.00-12.00p.m.
9	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....12.15-1.45p.m.
9	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Tue	Copy Date for October issue of USL Life	
10	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week/Garden Waste for those with Brown Bins	
10	Tue	Needles and Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.45-12.15p.m.
10	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....5.30p.m.
10	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....8.30-10.30p.m.
11	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	BMI.....10.00a.m.
11	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....10.00-12.00p.m.
11	Wed	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....6.00p.m.
11	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI.....8.00p.m.
11	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.30p.m.
11	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....7.30-9.00p.m.
12	Thu	Senior Circuits.....	Pavilion.....10.00-10.45a.m.
12	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.30-10.30a.m.
12	Thu	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....1.00-2.00p.m.
13	Fri	Pilates.....	Village Hall.....11.30-12.30p.m.
15	Sun	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....10.00a.m.
16	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....10.00-11.30a.m.
16	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....10.00-12.00p.m.
16	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....12.15-1.45p.m.
16	Mon	Abbeylea Garden Club.....	BMI.....7.30-9.45p.m.
17	Tue	Recycling and Food Waste Week	
17	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.45-12.15p.m.
17	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....5.30p.m.
17	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....8.30-10.30p.m.
18	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....10.00-12.00p.m.
18	Wed	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....6.00p.m.
18	Wed	Healthy Living.....	Pavilion.....7.00p.m.
18	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI.....8.00p.m.
18	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....7.30-9.30p.m.
18	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....7.30-9.00p.m.
19	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.30-10.30a.m.
19	Thu	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....1.00-2.00p.m.
19	Thu	Fitness.....	Pavilion.....6.00p.m.
20	Fri	Pilates.....	Village Hall.....11.30-12.30p.m.
21	Sat	Autumn Quiz.....	BMI.....8.00p.m.
22	Sun	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....10.00a.m.
23	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....10.00-12.00p.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....10.00-11.30a.m.
23	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....12.15-1.45p.m.
23	Mon	Lady Downe Trust.....	Upton St Leonards School.....7.30p.m.
23	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....7.00-9.00p.m.
24	Tue	Rubbish and Food Waste Week and Garden Waste for those with brown bins	
24	Tue	Needles & Pins.....	Village Hall Annex.....9.45-12.15p.m.
24	Tue	Brownies.....	Pavilion.....5.30p.m.
24	Tue	Badminton.....	Village Hall.....8.30-10.30p.m.





25	Wed	Stitchers.....	Pavilion.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
25	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
25	Wed	Tennis.....	Pavilion.....	6.00p.m.
25	Wed	Bingo.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
25	Wed	Upstagers Amateur Dramatics.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
25	Wed	Bell Ringing Practice.....	Bell Tower.....	7.30-9.30p.m.
26	Thu	Tai Chi.....	Village Hall Annex.....	9.30-10.30a.m.
26	Thu	Pilates.....	Village Hall Annex.....	1.00-2.00p.m.
26	Thu	Get Together Club.....	Village Hall.....	2.30-4.30p.m.
26	Thu	Ramblers.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
27	Fri	Macmillan Coffee Morning.....	USL Shops.....	9.30a.m.
27	Fri	Pilates.....	Village Hall.....	11.30-12.30p.m.
30	Mon	Coffee Club.....	BMI.....	10.00-12.00p.m.
30	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	10.00-11.30a.m.
30	Mon	Yoga.....	Village Hall Annex.....	12.15-1.45p.m.

Regular weekly events not listed below this line

**OCTOBER**

3	Thu	USL WI Workshop.....	Pavilion.....	1.00p.m.
7	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
7	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
10	Thu	Copy Date for November issue of USL Life.....		
11	Fri	Church Concert (Chloe Reynolds).....	Upton Church.....	7.30p.m.
14	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
21	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
23	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	BMI.....	10.00a.m.
24	Thu	Upstagers Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
25	Fri	Upstagers Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
26	Sat	Upstagers Murder Mystery.....	Village Hall.....	7.00p.m.
28	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
31	Thu	Get Together Club - Sausage and Mash.....	Village Hall.....	12.45 for 1.00

**NOVEMBER**

4	Mon	Parish Council Meeting.....	Pavilion.....	7.30p.m.
4	Mon	Upton WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
9	Sat	Entertainment Night.....	BMI.....	8.00p.m.
10	Sun	Copy Date for December issue of USL Life.....		
11	Mon	Twyver WI.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-10.00p.m.
18	Mon	Abbeydale Garden Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.30-9.45p.m.
20	Wed	Ladies Probus.....	BMI.....	10.15 a.m.
25	Mon	Camera Club.....	Village Hall.....	7.00-9.00p.m.
25	Mon	Lady Downe Trust.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	7.30p.m.
28	Thur	Get Together Club.....	Upton St Leonards School.....	2.00p.m.

**Contact Paula Quinn to get your event in the diary**

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# September's Art Page - with a Train Theme

## ADELSTROP by Edward Thomas (1878 – 1917)

Yes, I remember Adelstrop  
The name, because one afternoon  
Of heat, the express-train drew up there  
Unwontedly, it was late June

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.  
No one left and no one came  
On the bare platform. What I saw  
Was Adelstrop – only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,  
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,  
No whit less still and lonely fair  
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang  
Close by, and round him, mistier,  
Farther and farther, all the birds  
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

*Thomas wrote this poem following a railway journey during which his train stopped briefly at the now-closed station in the Gloucestershire village of Adelstrop.*

*Although not strictly a war poem, it has become popular in anthologies because of its reference to a peaceful time and place, only a short time before the outbreak of the First World War.*

*Thomas enlisted in 1915 and was killed in 1917. This poem was published three weeks after his death.*

## BOOK REVIEW

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie, published in 1934, is a novel featuring the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. The Orient Express train is stopped by heavy snowfall en route from Istanbul to London.

Poirot is one of the passengers and on the second night of the journey when the train is at a standstill due to a snowdrift, an elderly American is found murdered in his compartment. Poirot is asked to investigate and the novel moves at a brisk pace, with many improbabilities which Christie succeeds in making convincing.

(The book was made into a film in 1974 starring Albert Finney as Poirot and including many famous actors – Sean Connery, Lauren Bacall, John Gielgud, Vanessa Redgrave and Ingrid Bergman. A second film was released in 2017, directed by Kenneth Branagh and featuring Johnny Depp, Judi Dench, Derek Jacobi and Olivia Coleman.

## NOT ADELSTROP by Dannie Abse (1949 – 2009)

Not Adelstrop, no – besides the name  
hardly matters. Nor did I languish in June heat,  
Simply, I stood, too early, on the empty platform,  
and the wrong train came in slowly, surprised, stopped.  
Directly facing me, from a window,  
a very, very pretty girl leaned out.

When I, all instinct,  
stared at her, she, all instinct, inclined her head away  
as if she'd divined the much married life in me,  
or as if she might spot, up platform,  
some unlikely familiar.

For my part, under the clock, I continued  
my scrutiny with unmitigated pleasure.  
And she knew it, she certainly knew it, and would not  
glance at me in the silence of not Adelstrop.

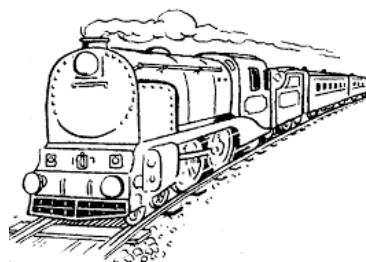
Only when the train heaved noisily, only  
when it jolted, when it slid away, only *then*,  
daring and secure, she smiled back at my smile,  
and I, daring and secure, waved back at her waving.  
And so it was, all the way down the hurrying platform  
as the train gathered atrocious speed  
towards Oxfordshire or Gloucestershire.

## Railway anecdotes:

Railways and the Church have their critics, but both are the best ways of getting a man to his ultimate destination. (Reverend W Awdry 1911 – 1997)

The only way of catching a train I ever discovered is to miss the train before. (G. K. Chesterton 1874 – 1936)

There have been many television and radio adaptations and both a stage play and a computer game based on the novel.)



And finally - a film set on a train – **The Lady Vanishes (1938)** directed by Alfred Hitchcock, based on a story written by Ethel Lina White from Abergavenny. The film features Margaret

Lockwood, Michael Redgrave and May Whitty. Yet again, a group of travellers is delayed by an avalanche on a train heading for England. One passenger disappears. Romance blossoms as two travellers begin to investigate the mystery. This film is an absolute classic and we recommend it to you.

## USL LIFE HOLDS ITS ANNUAL WAYZGOOSE \*

USL Life held its 4<sup>th</sup> Wayzgoose on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. Around 35 or so of us involved in some way or other in organising USL Life, had the annual celebration in our garden.

As you can see from the pictures, we had a sunny day and were able to enjoy the great outdoors. Everybody brought a wonderful array of food and drink and we relaxed into the day. Later on in the afternoon, Jackie Hunt led a game of Boules and then, into the evening, we started a highly competitive game of Jenga amidst much hilarity. We must be made of strong stuff, as there were only about 15 of us left in to the early evening. It all got very competitive and the sun was very low when we finished!

A great day, shared with friends.

*Paul and Diana Rosewell*



**\*What is a Wayzgoose?** At one time it was an entertainment given by a master printer to his workmen, (all men then) each year on or about St Bartholomew's Day. We were a bit early!

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